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II.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at Danville, Virginia, beginning Wednesday, November 16th, 1887. Bishop JOSEPH S. KEY presiding.

Divine service was conducted by the Bishop, after which the roll of Conference was called by the Secretary of the last session, and the following members appeared and took their seats.*

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson and S. S. Lambeth Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment, daily, were fixed at 9 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

The bar of Conference was fixed at the outside of the third window from the pulpit.

The Standing Boards and Committees were, according to regulations on the subject, constituted. (See Conference Officers, Boards, &c.)

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a Committee on Conference Relations. The Chair announced the committee as follows: W. H. Christian, J. W. Bledsoe and F. M. Edwards.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and S. S. Lambeth,—

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders report to the Bishop presiding the names of those persons who have been selected to prepare memoirs of the deceased members of our Conference, and that the Bishop be requested to appoint the persons so selected to constitute the Committee on Memoirs, and to designate one of them as the chairman of the committee.

* The Directory shows who were present during the session.

On motion, the following change was made in the Board of Church Extension: John M. Burton in place of J. M. Crute.

On motion, the following committee (by nomination of the Presiding Elders) was appointed on District Conference Records: T. H. Campbell, J. W. Crider, E. S. Moorman, H. J. Brown, J. W. Crute, W. L. Peebles, J. W. S. Robins, T. McN. Simpson, Joseph T. Mastin, Thos. G. Pullen.

F. M. Edwards, Jas. L. Spencer, John D. Southall, W. W. Berry and John W. Bradbury were appointed a Committee on Temperance.

E. P. Wilson, R. A. Armistead and J. R. Kellam were appointed a Committee on the Bible Cause.

On motion, the Presiding Elder of Danville District and the preachers in charge of our churches in Danville and North Danville were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

A communication from J. D. Barbee, D. D., Agent of the Publishing House, M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from David Morton, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference, read, and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

A communication from Isaac G. John, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

On motion, John E. Deshazo was appointed to receive the money due for sale of "Minutes" of the year 1886.

On motion of R. W. Watts, the Joint Board of Finance was authorized to aggregate under the head of amounts raised for Foreign Missions the sums raised by the different charges during "the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial," as indicated by the reports of the Recording Stewards, or by special information from the pastors.

Bishop Key announced the following to compose, in compliance with resolution already adopted, the Committee on Memoirs: Paul Whitehead, P. A. Peterson, W. W. Berry, W. E. Judkins, F. M. Edwards, J. J. Lafferty, F. J. Boggs, J. C. Watson, E. A. Gibbs and J. W. Crider.

On motion of P. A. Peterson and J. Wiley Bledsoe,—

Resolved, That the consideration of the report of the Committee on Memoirs be made the order of the day for Monday next, November 21st, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of J. Wiley Bledsoe and R. N. Sledd, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Inasmuch as the mortality in the ranks of our Conference during the past year is unusually large, and a memorial service conducted according to the plan heretofore observed would be necessarily protracted to an undue length,—

Therefore Resolved, That the order of exercises for our memorial service be as follows: 1st. After the usual devotional exercises, all the memoirs shall be first read, and then the brethren of the Conference shall have the opportunity of making such remarks as they may desire in memory of our deceased brethren.

Minute Question 20. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was called and the following Elders passed in examination of character: J. Powell Garland, James O. Moss, Paul Whitehead, Charles E. Watts, Oscar Littleton, L. S. Reed, Joseph A. Proctor, Wm. E. Judkins, George H. Ray and Joseph H. Amiss.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 17th, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by John W. Hilldrup.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was disposed with.

L. D. Palmer, Esq., Business Manager of the Publishing House M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference, and made an address on the subject of the "Business Interests and Management of the House."

W. H. Christian, from the Committee appointed on yesterday to nominate a committee on "Conference Relations," made report as follows:

"The Committee to whom was referred the matter of recommending a Com-

mittee on 'Conference Relations,' beg leave to present the following names, one from each P. E.'s District, to constitute that committee: E. M. Peterson, Wm. E. Payne, John E. Deshazo, James M. Anderson, L. B. Betty, Wm. F. Bain, W. G. Bates, Wm. G. Williams, Travis J. Taylor, J. Carson Watson."

(Signed),

W. H. CHRISTIAN
J. W. BLEDSOE,
F. M. EDWARDS. } Committee.

And on motion the report was adopted.

Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed, and S. T. Moorman, John G. Rowe, Jacob Shough, Benjamin F. Woodward, Alfred Wiles, James A. Riddick, R. N. Crooks, John B. Laurens, James McAden, Jacob H. Proctor, John H. Patteson, James R. Waggener, Wm. A. Robinson, John M. Saunders, Alex. M. Hall, Wm. B. Rowzie, Joseph S. R. Clarke, Joseph Lear, John McClelland and J. J. Edwards, who were placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and on motion, their cases (with the exception of that of James R. Waggener) were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Under same question, 20, Robert B. Beadles and W. A. Crocker passed in examination of character, and, on motion, their applications for the superannuated relation were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, and James W. Compton, J. J. Lafferty, Thomas H. Early, Henry C. Bowles, Wm. H. Camper, and Leonidas Rosser, who were placed on supernumerary list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and their cases were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. Edgar H. Rowe and James W. Connelly applied for the supernumerary relation, passed in examination of character, and on motion, their applications were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called, and John R. Tillery, a local preacher of Broad Street Station, Richmond; Benjamin F. Smith, a local deacon of Charlottesville Station; Edgar A. Potts, a local preacher of Prospect Circuit; Charles W. Turner, a local preacher of West Bedford Circuit; Clarke W. Leftwich, a local preacher of Campbell Circuit; Albert A. Jones, a local deacon of Trinity Station, Lynchburg; Richard T. Wilson, a local preacher of Market Street Station, Petersburg, and Charles L. Bane, a local preacher of Ashland Station, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of their re-

spective charges, as suitable persons to be received into the travelling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were severally admitted on trial accordingly.

Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was called, and George H Wiley, Wm. E. Bullard, Robert M. Maxey, Joseph G. Lennon, Walter J. Hubbard, George H. McFaden, R. H. Mullen, and John W. Nicholas, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial.

William Irby, who was received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and at his own request, on account of ill-health, was discontinued; and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 3.

Alex. G. Brown and Geo. C. Vanderslice, trustees of the "Hall Fund" made report as follows:

"The trustees of this Fund beg leave to report that on the 1st day of July, 1887, the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., redeemed their 4 per cent. bonds, heretofore held by us, viz.: Bond No. 73, \$500; Bond No. 74, \$500; Bond No. 75, \$500; Bond No. 76, \$500; Bond No. 541, \$100.

"The money thus realized has been safely invested in the 6 per cent. bonds of North Danville, payable on the 1st day of May, 1904, and bearing interest semi-annually, May 1st and November 1st. This investment, we are glad to say, will increase our yearly income. Having realized nothing from the Virginia Coupon bonds, we have on hand for distribution the sum of \$178.50, which, on your order, will be paid to the Joint Board of Finance."

November 17th, 1887.

(Signed),

ALEX. G. BROWN,
GEO. C. VANDERSLICE.

Which was received, and on motion, it was ordered that the fund in hand be paid to the Joint Board of Finance.

George H. McFaden, who was ordained Deacon in the ministry of the M. E. Church, presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Oaklette and Bethel Circuit, for the recognition of his orders, and the Conference being satisfied of his being in orders, and of his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and of his gifts, grace and usefulness, and he taking upon himself our ordination vows as Deacon in the presence of the Conference, it was ordered that he be recognized as a Deacon in our ministry.

The Presiding Elder of Norfolk District delivered into the custody of the Secretary of Conference the credentials as Elder, of Thomas D. Fleury, lately a local elder of our church, who has

been deprived of his credentials by the action of the Quarterly Conference of Granby Street Station, Norfolk.

And then the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 18th, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jno. L. Clarke.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minute Question 8, "What travelling preachers are elected Deacons?" was called, and Bascom Dey, William G. Boggs, Ernest Stevens, Thomas J. Wray, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops, were severally elected to Deacon's orders.

Minute Question 7, "Who are the Deacons of one year?" was called, and V. W. Bargamin, John L. Pribble, McDaniel Rucker, Charles H. McGhee, James A. Duncan, Henry J. Brown, John T. Payne, Thos. G. Pullen, and John T. Bosman, of the Class of the Third Year, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study for the Third year, were severally continued as Deacons of one year, and advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was resumed, and Wm. W. Southall, a local preacher of Cartersville circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that circuit as a suitable person to be admitted on trial into the travelling connection, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops, was accordingly admitted on trial.

James O. Babcock, a local preacher of Floyd St. station, Danville, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that station, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops, and in examination of character, was accordingly admitted on trial into the travelling connection.

Charles P. Lyford, who was ordained an Elder in the ministry

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and who has been received into our church as a local preacher at Park Place station, Richmond, presented the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said station, for recognition of his orders, and also sent up a certified subscription to our doctrines and discipline and ordination vows; and the Conference being satisfied of his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and of his being in orders, and of his gifts, grace and usefulness, it was ordered that he be recognized as an Elder in our ministry.

The reports of Mrs Camillus Christian, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Treasurer, of the Woman's Department of Church Extension for the Virginia Conference, were read to the Conference for information.

Alex. G. Brown, from the committee appointed to erect the monument to Bishop Early, reported a deficiency of about \$125 in payment for the same, and a collection was taken up and the amount raised in the Conference room.

R. N. Sledd, from the Board of Missions of this Conference, reported resolutions for the adoption of Conference, the consideration of which, on motion, was postponed until the hour fixed for "Missionary Day."

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was called, and Charles W. Turner, a local preacher of West Bedford circuit; James M. Shockley, a local preacher of Patrick mission; John Wm. Lee, a local preacher of Edenton station; were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges, respectively, passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to Deacon's orders.

Minute Question 14, "What local preachers are elected Elders?" was called, and Albert A. Jones, a local deacon of Trinity station, Lynchburg, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that charge, certified his belief in the doctrine and discipline of our church, passed in examination of character, and was elected to Elder's orders accordingly.

Minute Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was called, and John F. Poulton, a local elder of Warrenton circuit, Washington District, Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, presented a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of said circuit, and applied for re-admission into the travelling connection; after consideration of the application for some time, permission was given to withdraw it.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 19, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by H. T. Bacon.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Minute Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was called, and Oscar L. Martin, N. H. Robertson, Wilbur F. Davis, and J. D. Forkner, of the second year's class (who are already ordained), passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops, were, together with Bascom Dey, Wm. G. Boggs, Ernest Stevens, and Thomas J. Wray, of the same class (who were elected to Deacons' orders on yesterday), examined by the Bishop before the Conference as the discipline directs; and all the above-named were severally admitted into full connection.

Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected Elders?" was called, and William R. Crowder and Emmett E. Harrell passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the Course of Study prescribed by the Bishops for preachers of the fourth year, were severally elected to Elder's order.

The Presiding Elder of the Murfreesboro District, surrendered into the custody of the Secretary of the Conference the credentials of Simeon F. Bristow, a local deacon, who has voluntarily relinquished the same.

Milton L. Williams, an Elder in the Eastern Virginia Conference of the Christian Church, applied for admission into this Conference as a traveling preacher, passed in examination of character, and the Conference being satisfied with his gifts, grace and usefulness, and of his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, it was ordered that he be admitted into full connection in this body. Brother Williams then, in the presence of the Conference, took upon himself our ordination vows.

William Dickson Mower, ordained an Elder in the Church of the United Brethren of Christ, applied for reception into this Conference as a traveling preacher, and the Conference being satisfied of his gifts, grace and usefulness, and of his agreement

with us in doctrine and discipline, it was ordered that he be admitted into this Conference in full connection. Brother Mower then, in the presence of the Conference, took upon himself our ordination vows.

James R. Waggener, through his Presiding Elder, applied for the superannuated relation, and, on motion, his application was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has always borne strong testimony against the theatre; and whereas the patronizing of theatrical exhibitions by professing Christians has, by recent occurrences, been given unusual prominence; and whereas the situation seems to justify an expression of opinion on this subject by the Conference; therefore,

Resolved 1, That we are profoundly convinced of the evil character and influence of the theatre and of its power as a promoter of irreligion, immorality and vice.

Resolved 2, That we most affectionately and earnestly exhort our people to set their faces against this thing as a diversion, which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

P. A. PETERSON,
A. G. BROWN,

PAUL WHITEHEAD,
JOHN E. EDWARDS.

Rev. John B. Laurens, Secretary and Treasurer of the Rosebud Missionary Society, presented to the Conference the report of the year's collections, showing the receipt of \$3,836.78.

And on motion of R. N. Sledd and J. E. Deshazo, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the interest which has been awakened among our children in the mission work of the Church through the agency of the Rosebud Missionary Society.

Resolved, 2. That we will give to this Society our sympathy, our fostering care and our prayers, and will endeavor, as far as we may be able, to increase its efficiency and usefulness.

Resolved, 3. That we tender to our brother, Rev. J. B. Laurens ("Uncle Larry"), to whose devotion and prudent management under God the success of the Society is chiefly to be attributed, our Christian sympathies in his protracted bodily affliction, and pray that his life may long be spared to prosecute this great work among the children.

T. H. Campbell, from the Committee on District Conference Records, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to make the following report: The records of all the districts were before us. Upon careful examination they were found to be correct.

(Signed), T. H. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

George E. Booker, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

E. P. Wilson, from the Committee on Bible Cause, made a report, which was read and, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

Alex. G. Brown offered the following resolution as an amendment to the report :

Resolved. That the Virginia Bible Society be and they are hereby requested to keep an account with the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, and allow the Presiding Elders of our several Districts to draw on them for Bibles for distribution in our missions and destitute Sunday-schools, not exceeding the amount of the collections for the Bible cause taken in this Conference.

(Signed), A. G. BROWN,
 J. R. WAGGENER,
 J. L. CLARKE.

But on discussion it was rejected.

E. M. Peterson, from the Committee on Conference Relations, made a report which was adopted, and in compliance with the recommendations thereof, Minute Questions 17 and 18 were answered as follows :

Minute Question 17, "Who are supernumerary?" Answer—Henry C. Bowles, James W. Compton, Thomas H. Early, William H. Camper, Leonidas Rosser, James W. Connelly, Edgar H. Rowe, and J. J. Lafferty.

Minute question 18, "Who are superannuated?" Answer—John G. Rowe, Alexander M. Hall, J. J. Edwards, Samuel T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, B. F. Woodward, Alfred Wiles, James A. Riddick, R. N. Crooks, John B. Laurens, James McAden, Jacob H. Proctor, John H. Patteson, William A. Robinson, John M. Saunders, William B. Rowzie, J. S. R. Clarke, Joseph Lear, John McCleland, Robert B. Beadles, Wm. A. Crocker, and James R. Waggener.

F. H. Smith, from the Board of Education, made preliminary reports Nos. 1 and 2, which were adopted. (See Reports.)

P. A. Peterson, from the Board of Church Extension, made report No. 1, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

F. H. Smith, President of the Board of Colportage of this Conference, made report which was adopted. (See Reports.)

In answer to Minute Question 29, "What has been contributed for missions?" the following amounts were reported: For foreign missions, \$14,247.83; for domestic, \$7,884.25—total, \$22,132.08. Besides raised by Rosebud Society, \$3,836.78; Woman's Missionary Society, \$2,942.95.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 21st, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jno. D. Southall.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

In answer to Minute Questions 9, 11, 13 and 15, Bishop Key made the following report of ordinations:

DANVILLE, November 25th, 1887.

On yesterday morning, at Main Street church, I ordained to the office of Deacon, Ernest Stevens, Bascom Dey, Wm. G. Boggs and Thos. J. Wray, of the Conference, and John Wm. Lee, Jas. M. Shockley and Charles W. Turner, local preachers. They were presented by P. A. Peterson. H. C. Cheatham read the Epistle and A. G. Brown the Gospel.

At Mt. Vernon church, at the close of the evening service, I ordained to the office of Elder, Wm. R. Crowder and Emmett E. Harrell, of the Conference, and Albert A. Jones and Joseph W. Shackford, local preachers. They were presented by P. A. Peterson. Wm. H. Christian read the Epistle and John E. Edwards the Gospel.

(Signed), JOSEPH S. KEY.

Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" was called, and Bishop Key reported J. R. Griffith from North Carolina Conference, transferred by him to this Conference.

W. H. Christian, from the Sunday-school Board, made report, which was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

Leave of absence, after to-day, was granted to F. H. Smith, and Thos. Sanderlin.

At ten o'clock, Conference took up the order of the day.

Bishop Key gave out the 737th hymn, which was sung, and L. S. Reed led the Conference in prayer.

Paul Whitehead, from the Committee on Memoirs, made report. The memoirs of our deceased were read in succession, as follows: That of Benjamin M. Williams by P. A. Peterson, that of Edgar H. Pritchett by J. C. Watson, that of James D. Lumsden by P. A. Peterson, that of John W. Howard by W. W. Berry, that of Ro. A. Gregory by Paul Whitehead, that of W. W. Bennett, D. D., by F. J. Boggs, that of Jno. D. Blackwell, D. D., by W. E. Judkins, that of Thomas A. Ware by J. J. Lafferty, that of Edward N. S. Blogg by F. M. Edwards, that of P. F. August

by Edmond A. Gibbs, that of Theodore H. White (probationer) by J. W. Crider.

The remainder of the morning session (the time of adjournment being extended, on motion, to a quarter past one o'clock) was occupied with tributes by members of the Conference to the dead. The report was then adopted (see Memoirs), and it was ordered that the above names be returned in answer to Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the present year?"

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 22d, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Thos. L. Williams.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence granted McDaniel Rucker, D. M. Wallace, and Wm. H. Christian.

W. W. Vicar, from Society for "Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference," &c., made report for information of the Conference, showing the financial condition of said Society, which was read (see Reports), and on the recommendation of the Society, the following persons were elected by the Conference Directors of the Society for the ensuing year: Rev. F. M. Edwards, Rev. J. Carson Watson and Rev. James C. Martin, of the Virginia Conference; and C. V. Winfree, of Lynchburg, Va.; W. J. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va.; Chas. H. Conrad, of Danville, Va.; E. V. White, of Portsmouth, Va.; J. H. Dawson and W. W. Vicar, of Norfolk, Va.

P. A. Peterson, from the Board of Church Extension, made Report No. 2, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following Elders passed in examination of character: Jas. C. Reed, S. S. Lambeth, W. E. Edwards, Geo. W. Wray, W. E. Evans, Jos. H. Riddick, W. P. Wright, J. C. Martin, W. H. Christian, T. J. Bayton, W. T. Williams, S. Harvey Johnson, H. T. Bacon, T. P. Wise, T. H. Campbell, C. F. Comer, E. M. Peterson, H. M. Hope, Werter H. Gregory, W. F. Bain, J. W. Crider, W. W. Sawyer, A. C. Berryman, Jno. L. Clarke, Jno. Q. Rhodes, C. C. Wertenbaker, Jas. H.

Crown, H. C. Cheatham, P. A. Peterson, Jno. Hannon, W. A. Laughon, Jno. T. Moore, Jno. D. Southall, Chas. W. Cain, Ro. W. Watts, H. P. Mitchell, N. B. Foushee, R. B. Scott, T. M. Beckham, W. E. Payne, J. E. Gates, Jos. E. Potts, W. G. Starr, J. E. Edwards, Adam C. Bledsoe, R. N. Potts, Jno. W. Tucker, Esmond A. Gibbs, W. T. Green, Wm. P. Jordan, T. P. Duke, W. G. Bates, D. J. Traynham, W. F. Tillett, W. C. Vaden, W. E. Grant, J. B. Askew, T. H. Boggs, J. C. Rosser, J. E. McSparren, Jno. M. Burton, R. H. Younger, R. B. Blankenship, J. E. Deshazo, W. W. Lear, N. J. Pruden, W. O. Waggener, W. R. Smithey, A. B. Warwick, Jno. M. Campbell, Jno. B. Dey.

R. N. Sledd, from the Board of Missions of this Conference, distributed the checks to those having claims on said Board.

Under Minute Question 18, "Who are located this year?" A. B. Warwick was granted a location at his own request.

W. W. Berry, from the Board of Education, made Report No. 3, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

W. W. Smith, President of R. M. College, addressed the Conference in behalf of that Institution, after which Bishop Key led in earnest prayer for the college. Addresses were also made in behalf of this and of some of our female colleges.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, a collection amounting to \$121.15 (errors of counting excepted) was taken up, for the relief of the widow of Rev. Jno. W. Howard.

Bishop Key announced the following committees, which were provided for in resolution from the Conference Board of Education, adopted November 19th, 1887:

To compose *Board of Ministerial Education*: J. Powell Garland, Geo. H. Ray, S. S. Lambeth, Richard Irby and J. Newton Vaughan.

To compose the *Committee to Report to Next Conference on Academies*: A. G. Brown, Paul Whitehead and W. W. Berry.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at $3\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock that afternoon, and Bishop Key appointed Jno. E. Edwards to preside over the session at that hour.

The statistics of Conference were reported as follows:

Minute Question 21, "What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?"

Answer—Local Preachers	156
Members—white.....	69,242
" colored.....	66
Total.....	69,308

Minute Question 22, "How many infants have been baptized during the year?" Answer—1,478.

Minute Question 23, "How many adults have been baptized during the year?" Answer—3,687.

Minute Question 24, "What is the number of Sunday-schools?" Answer—759.

Minute Question 25, "What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?" Answer—8,065.

Minute Question 25, "What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?" Answer—51,867.

Minute Question 30, "What has been contributed for Church Extension?" Answer—\$3,008.16.

Minute Question 31, "What is the number and what is the estimated value of church edifices?" Answer—Number, 716. Value, \$1,424,686.50.

Minute Question 32, "What is the number and what is the estimated value of parsonages?" Answer—Number, 104. Value, \$193,700.

Minute Question 27, "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?" Answer—\$8,030.

Minute Question 28, "What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?"

Answer—Collected .....	.....	.....	.....	\$8,006
Applied to superannuated preachers.....	.....	.....	.....	\$4,305
" " widows and orphans.....	.....	.....	.....	3,525
			—	\$7,830

And then the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment.

John E. Edwards (by appointment of Bishop Key) in the chair. Divine service was conducted by J. E. Potts.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Wm. E. Allen and R. W. Watts.

On motion of E. M. Peterson and R. W. Watts it was—

Resolved, That we request the Bishop who may be appointed to preside at the next session of this Conference not to hold the ensuing session later than the first Wednesday in November.

Minute Question 34, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called, and Portsmouth, Va., was selected as the place on nomination of E. V. White, lay delegate from Norfolk District.

J. J. Lafferty moved that in addition to the usual traveling expenses of the preachers allowed in our financial plan, the sum of \$7 be raised in each charge to pay the expenses of members attending the Conference.

On motion of A. G. Brown the motion was laid on the table.

On motion of J. W. Blincoe, it was ordered that when the Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet again at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made report of the appropriations for the present Conference, which were, on motion, approved. (See Reports.)

And then the Joint Board of Finance made distribution of the funds appropriated to the several claimants.

W. W. Royall offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, we regard the sanctity of the Lord's Day, the Christian Sabbath, as one of the great bulwarks of the Christian religion and of all true national greatness; and whereas the common practice of running railroad trains and steamboats on Sunday is a direct blow at the preservation of that sanctity; and whereas the patronizing of these Sunday trains and steamboats, whether regular or excursion, is a practical endorsement of the Sabbath desecration, therefore—

Resolved, That the members of the Virginia Conference, both clerical and lay, view with alarm and sorrow the growth of this threatening evil.

Resolved, That we will not only not patronize such railroads and steamboats ourselves, but will use all proper and lawful means to dissuade the members of our church and the people of our congregations from so doing.

P. A. Peterson offered as a substitute for the foregoing the following:

Resolved, That we deprecate the growing disregard of the sanctity of the Sabbath by travel and other practices, and that we earnestly exhort our people to remember the command of God to keep the Sabbath Day holy.

Pending the discussion of this substitute, on motion, the Conference adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jacob Manning.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

On motion of P. A. Peterson the previous question was ordered on the substitute offered by him this afternoon in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, and the substitute was adopted.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following Elders passed in examination of character: R. N. Sledd, J. Wiley Bledsoe, George C. Vanderslice, J. L. Spencer, R. M. Chandler, J. W. Blincoe, A. C. Jordan, James W. Stiff, R. F. Gayle, Richard Ferguson, J. P. Woodward, W. G. Williams, W. E. Allen, W. H. Riddick, J. W. Hilldrup, J. E. R. Riddick, R. J. Moorman, Theodore O. Edwards, John O. Moss, B. F. Herrink, John H. Kabler, Paul Bradley, James M. Anderson, R. A. Armistead, J. T. Whitley, J. F. Twitty, E. M. Jordan, T. L. Williams, J. S. Wallace, George E. Booker, C. E. Hobday, J. W. S. Robins, A. G. Brown, W. V. Tudor, Jacob Manning, Wm. McGee, J. S. Hunter, B. F. Lipscomb, F. M. Edwards, W. H. Atwill, Davis P. Wills, D. M. Wallace, J. D. Hank, T. J. Taylor, D. G. C. Butts, J. T. Routten, E. P. Wilson, T. McN. Simpson, R. O. Payne, J. B. Merritt, R. M. Saunders, L. B. Betty, M. S. Colonna, C. H. Green, W. A. Crocker, R. E. Barrett, C. H. Boggs, J. H. Dalby, J. F. Brannin, E. P. Parham, W. F. Robins, W. H. Edwards, J. T. Mastin, J. B. DeBerry, Charles D. Crawley, J. R. Sturgis, R. A. Compton, J. D. Carroll, W. A. Tompkins, W. F. Hayes, F. J. Boggs, J. C. Watson, W. W. Royall, W. J. Twilley and C. R. Taylor.

S. J. Morris having left our communion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was ordered that his name be stricken from the roll of the Conference.

W. W. Royall offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

Resolved, That having heard a full statement of the present financial condition and the prospects of our Cambridge church, this Annual Conference recom-

mend to the Parent Board of the Church Extension at Louisville to make a loan of \$5,300 to our church at Cambridge, taking a first mortgage for the same.

Resolved, That we will cordially co-operate with the pastor of our Cambridge church in his efforts to free our church from debt, and will aid as far as we can in any feasible and business like plan that may be adopted for that purpose.

W. W. Berry, from the Board of Education, made final report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

James O. Moss and W. F. Tillett offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That this Conference deeply sympathizes with and rejoices in the great work set on foot and so successfully prosecuted by the Woman's Board of Missions.

Resolved, That we will earnestly co-operate with the President and other officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference in their efforts to elicit a deeper interest and a more extended co-operation of our sisters in the important work which they represent.

On motion the case of H. T. Bacon was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

The committee reported at once that H. T. Bacon be placed on the superannuated list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 18; and a collection was then raised in the Conference room for Brother Bacon, amounting to \$62.50.

F. M. Edwards made report of Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

R. N. Sledd called up the following resolutions reported by him November 18th from the Board of Missions, which were read and adopted *serialim*.

The Board of Missions having considered the several communications from the Secretary of the Parent Board, which were referred to it by the Conference, adopted and present for the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions :

1st. That the Presiding Elders of the several Districts be requested to set apart a day, or so much thereof as may be practicable during the sessions of their District Conferences, for the consideration of the subject of missions; that they provide for a sermon on the subject on these occasions, and by all practicable means bring this great interest of the Church prominently before the people.

2d. That our Sunday Schools be organized into Missionary Societies wherever practicable.

3d. That our preachers be requested to circulate the *Missionary Reporter* and the leaflets provided by the General Secretary as extensively as possible among our people.

4th. That the *Week of Prayer and Self-Denial* for Missions be perpetuated

among us, and that the collections taken during the week be equally divided between Foreign and Domestic Missions.

R. IRBY, Secretary.

R. N. SLEDD, Chairman.

A. G. Brown, from Joint Board of Finance, reported the assessments of that Board for the ensuing year, which were approved by the Conference. (See Assessments.)

On motion of H. M. Hope, R. A. Compton, W. W. Berry, P. A. Peterson and J. J. Lafferty the following was adopted :

Resolved, That we regret the transfer of Dr. John Hannon from our Conference to reinforce the Church in California. We commend him to the Church there, and pray that he may be blessed in his ministry in that distant work as richly and continuously as he was here. Virginia has made a costly sacrifice to California. May Hannon's genius and devotion be a blessing to California Methodism.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the Conference has felt great pleasure in making the acquaintance of Bishop Key as a presiding officer and a brother beloved in the Lord ; and we heartily thank him for the kindness, courtesy and promptness with which he has conducted our business, and assure him of the love and high esteem in which we hold him ; and that we will always welcome him to our Conference, our churches and our homes. He is already in our hearts.

(Signed),

W. W. BERRY,	W. M. E. JUDKINS,	W. T. CHANDLER,
R. POLLARD,	J. POWELL GARLAND,	ALEX. G. BROWN,
R. N. SLEDD,	P. A. PETERSON,	W. W. LEAR.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Danville and North Danville for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of the Conference.

(Signed),

GEO. C. VANDERSLICE,
J. J. LAFFERTY.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the various churches of Danville for generously opening their doors for the use of this Conference, and to the railroads for the favors they have given us.

(Signed),

J. W. BLEDSOE,
J. W. C. DAVIS,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered to the Secretaries for their skill and courtesy.

(Signed),

W. M. E. JUDKINS, J. J. LAFFERTY,
G. C. VANDERSLICE, W. W. BERRY.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and offered to the press reporters, especially of the Danville *Register*.

(Signed),

J. J. LAFFERTY,
A. G. BROWN.

In accordance with resolutions of the Board of Colportage heretofore offered, the following additional members (ministers from each District) were announced: S. S. Lambeth, H. M. Hope, A. C. Bledsoe, H. C. Cheatham, W. C. Vaden, G. C. Vanderslice, W. V. Tudor, L. B. Betty, George W. Wray.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 1887.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Bishop Key in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Bishop Key. Dr. Leonidas Rosser led the Conference in prayer.

The Bishop announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year: J. C. Martin, S. D. Turner, W. F. Bain, E. B. Brown, R. W. Watts, C. V. Winfree, W. G. Starr, J. R. Pace, J. E. Deshazo, T. J. Davis, J. W. Blincoe, L. L. Marks, J. M. Anderson, L. McMullan, A. G. Brown, J. H. Hall, J. T. Mastin, L. Cockerell, J. C. Watson, L. D. Travers.

The Committee on Public Worship, through John E. Edwards, reported the following appointments for the next session of the Conference:

To preach the opening sermon—R. N. Sledd, D. D.; J. E. Deshazo, alternate.

To preach the ordination sermon—S. S. Lambeth; H. M. Hope, alternate.

R. Irby, from the Conference Board of Missions, reported the appropriations for the next year to missions and feeble charges. (See Reports.)

In answer to Minute Question 35, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" Bishop Key announced the appointments. (See Appointments.)

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved. And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

III.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1887-88.

	<i>Years.</i>
I. Richmond District.....	J. POWELL GARLAND, P. E., 2
1. Richmond—Trinity.....	Joseph R. Sturgis, 1
2. " Broad Street...S. S. Lambeth, 2; J. J. Lafferty, su'y.	
3. " Centenary.....	William E. Judkins, 1
4. " Park Place.....	William E. Evans, 4
5. " Clay Street	William H. Atwill, 1
6. " Laurel Street.....	W. O. Waggener, 1
7. " Union.....	James C. Martin, 2
8. " Denny Street...To be supplied by John A. Jefferson, 2	
9. Manchester—Central.....	E. M. Peterson, 1
10. " Fifth Street.....	George H. Wiley, 2
11. " West End Memorial.....	William E. Grant, 1
12. Henrico.....	Charles W. Cain, 1
13. West New Kent.....To be supplied by B. P. Warwick, 1	
14. West Point.....	W. T. Williams, 2
15. New Kent.....	S. H. Johnson, 2
16. Charles City.....	J. R. Tillery, 1
17. Williamsburg	Thomas P. Wise, 2
18. Gloucester.....	C. C. Wertenbaker, 1
19. West Mathews.....	C. F. Comer, 3
20. Mathews.....	James O. Moss, 1
Editor of Richmond CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.....	J. J. Lafferty.
II. Charlottesville District.....	J. WILEY BLEDSOE, P. E., 1
21. Charlottesville.....	H. M. Hope, 3
22. Albemarle.....	W. H. Gregory, 2
23. Louisa.....	W. F. Bain, 2
24. Scottsville.....	John W. Crider, 2
25. Fluvanna.....	W. W. Sawyer, 2
26. Milton Mission.....To be supplied by Joseph A. Crowder, 2	
27. Batesville.....	A. C. Berryman, 2
28. Gordonsville and Orange.....	John B. Dey, 1
29. Orange Circuit.....	McDaniel Rucker, 1 ; W. H. Camper, Sup.
30. Culpeper Station.....	John L. Clarke, 3
31. Culpeper Circuit.....	James F. Brannin, 1
32. Rappahannock	J. R. Griffith, 1

Years.

33. Madison Circuit.....	John Q. Rhodes, 1
34. Greene.....	Charles H. Boggs, 1
35. West Goochland Mission.....	J. O. Babcock, 1
36. Piedmont Mission.....	To be supplied by John E. Bray, 1

III. Lynchburg District..... PAUL WHITEHEAD, P. E., 2

37. Lynchburg—Centenary.....	Henry C. Cheatham, 2
38. " Court Street...P. A. Peterson, 4 ; T. H. Early, sup'y,	
39. " Memorial.....	T. McN. Simpson, 1
40. Trinity.....	Edgar A. Potts, 1
41. Madison Station.....	Jacob Manning, 1
42. Danielstown.....	W. A. Laughon, 3
43. Amherst.....	John T. Moore, 3
44. West Amherst.....	John D. Southall, 2
45. Mount Pleasant.....	Benjamin F. Smith, 1
46. Liberty.....	H. P. Mitchell, 4
47. Bedford.....	Robert W. Watts, 4
48. West Bedford.....	J. W. Parrish, 1 ; J. W. Clopton, Sup,
49. Middle Bedford.....	C. W. Turner, 1
50. North Bedford.....	Oscar L. Martin, 3
51. Bedford Springs.....	N. B. Foushee, 3
52. Nelson.....	Richard O. Payne, 1
53. Appomattox...T. M. Beckham, 3 ; 1 to be sup. by N. Williams.	
54. Campbell.....	William E. Payne, 2
55. West Campbell.....	James E. Gates, 3
56. Prospect	Joseph E. Potts, 3

IV. Danville District..... C. E. WATTS, P. E., 4

57. Danville—Main Street.....	William G. Starr, 3
58. " Floyd Street	To be supplied.
59. " Mount Vernon	John E. Edwards, 4
60. North Danville, Calvary.....	A. C. Bledsoe, 2
61. Charlotte.....	R. H. Potts, 2
62. Halifax	John W. Tucker, 4
63. East Halifax	W. J. Hubbard, 1
64. South Boston	William T. Green, 2
65. South of Dan.....	E. E. Harrell, 2
66. Chatham.....	N. H. Robertson, 2
67. Cascade	William R. Crowder, 1
68. Pittsylvania.....	Thomas P. Duke, 1
69. North Pittsylvania.....	Henry J. Brown, 2
70. Franklin.....	John W. Carroll, 1
71. West Franklin Mission.....	To be supplied.
72. East Franklin.....	W. G. Bates, 2

	<i>Years.</i>
73. Martinsville.....	Wilbur F. Davis, 3
74. Henry.....	John L. Pribble, 4
75. Patrick Circuit	J. D. Forkner, 2; H. C. Bowles, sup'y,
76. Patrick Mission.....	D. J. Traynham, 3
President of Bon Air Institute.....	E. A. Gibbs.
Professor in Vanderbilt University.....	Wilbur F. Tillett.
V. Farmville District.....	OSCAR LITTLETON, P. E., 2
77. Farmville.....	Wesley C. Vaden, 2
78. Prince Edward.....	George H. McFaden, 1
79. Burkeville.....	Jacob B. Askew, 2
80. West Charlotte.....	C. W. Leftwich, 1
81. Lunenburg	Thomas H. Boggs, 2
82. West Lunenburg Mission.....	John C. Rosser, 2
83. Boydton	James A. Duncan, 1
84. Chase City Circuit.....	William P. Jordan, 1
85. Mecklenburg.....	John M. Burton, 4
86. North Mecklenburg.....	R. H. Younger, 2
87. Brunswick.....	William W. Lear, 4
88. West Brunswick.	N. J. Pruden, 3
89. South Brunswick... ..	Robert B. Blankenship, 2
90. Nottoway.....	John E. DeShazo, 4
91. Amelia	J. Carson Watson, 1
92. Cumberland	William R. Smithey, 4
93. Cartersville.....	John W. Nicholson, 1
94. Buckingham.....	John M. Campbell, 2
95. West Buckingham.....	William W. Southall, 1
VI. Petersburg District.....	L. S. REED, P. E., 2
96. Petersburg—Washington Street.....	Robert N. Sledd, 2
97. " Market Street	James F. Twitty, 1
98. " High Street..G.C.Vanderslice, 2; J.W.Connelly, sup,	
99. " Wesley.....	Richard T. Wilson, 1
100. " Blandford.....	Bascom Dey, 2
101. " West End Mission.....	J. E. R. Riddick, 2
102. " Ettrick... ..	R. M. Chandler, 2
103. Matoaca.....	Robert M. Maxey, 2
104. Chesterfield.....	James W. Blincoe, 4
105. West Chesterfield	To be supplied by G. W. S. Parham, 1
106. West Dinwiddie.....	A. C. Jordan, 2
107. Dinwiddie.....	J. W. Stiff, 4
108. East Dinwiddie.....	R. F. Gayle, 2
109. Sussex.....	Richard Fergusson, 3
110. Hicksford	John P. Woodward, 2
111. Prince George.....	W. G. Williams, 2
112. Surry.....	William E. Allen, 2

Years.

113. Wakefield.....	W. H. Riddick, 4
114. Isle of Wight.....	John W. Hilldrup, 4

VII. Murfreesboro District..... THOMAS H. CAMPBELL, P. E., 1

115. Murfreesboro.....	R. J. Moorman, 2
116. Garysburg..	T. O Edwards, 2
117. Northampton	John O. Moss, 2
118. Meherrin.....	B. F. Herrink, 4
119. Bertie	R. B. Scott, 1
120. Harrellsville.....	To be supplied by William Grant,
121. Hertford.....	James M. Anderson, 3
122. Edenton	Ernest Stephens, 1
123. Pasquotank.	Joseph G. Lennon, 1
124. Elizabeth City..	Jesse T. Whitley, 2
125. Suffolk	Francis J. Boggs, 1
126. Gates	Thomas L. Williams, 4
127. North Gates.....	Edward M. Jordan, 3
128. Newsom's.....	To be supplied by T. Burton, 2
129. Boykin's	John S. Wallace, 2
130. Southampton	George E. Booker, 3
131. Chuckatuck.....	John H. Kabler, 1
132. Camden.....	J. W. S. Robins, 3
133. Roanoke Island and Dare Mission.....	R. H. Mullen, 1
134. Kitty Hawk Mission.....	To be supplied by Sanders Payne, 1

VIII. Norfolk District J. C. REED, P. E., 1

135. Norfolk—Cumberland Street.....	Alexander G. Brown, 3
136. " Granby Street.....	W. V. Tudor, 2
137. " Centenary	William H. Christian, 1
138. " Asbury.....	James L. Spencer, 1
139. " McKendree.....	William McGee, 4
140. " Queen Street.....	Joshua S. Hunter, 2
141. Berkeley—Chestnut Street.....	B. F. Lipscomb, 3
142. Portsmouth—Monumental...W.E. Edwards, 1; Leo. Rosser, sup.	
143. " Central.....	F. M. Edwards, 3
144. " Wright Memorial.....	D. G. C. Butts, 3
145. Churchland	D. P. Wills, 2
146. Norfolk Circuit.....	D. M. Wallace, 2
147. East Norfolk.....	J. D. Hank, 3
148. South Norfolk.....	Joseph A. Proctor, 1
149. Princess Anne.....	James E. McSparran, 1
150. South Princess Anne.....	William P. Wright, 1
151. Currituck.....	Joseph T. Routten, 3
152. Oaklette and Bethel.....	Robert A. Armistead, 1
153. Smithfield and Benns	T. J. Taylor, 1

President Norfolk College for Young Ladies....	R. M. Saunders.
Seaman's Chaplain.....	J. B. Merritt.
IX. Randolph-Macon District.....	
154. Ashland Station	L. B. Betty, 2
155. Ashland Circuit	C. L. Bane, 1
156. Hanover.....	M. S. Colonna, 2
157. Goochland.....	W. Dickson Mower, 2
158. West Hanover.....	To be supplied by Charles F. Sherrill, 1
159. Spottsylvania.....	Charles H. McGhee, 1
160. King William.....	Charles H. Green, 3
161. King and Queen.....	John T. Payne, 1
162. East King and Queen.....	To be supplied by S. L. Thrift, 2
163. Caroline.	R. E. Barrett, 2
164. Bowling Green.....	Paul Bradley, 1 ; Edgar H. Rowe, sup'y,
165. Essex.....	William G. Boggs, 3
166. Middlesex	James H. Dalby, 2
167. King George.....	Junius B. DeBerry, 1
168. Montross.....	William A. Tompkins, 1
169. Westmoreland	W. F. Robins, 2
170. Heathsville.....	W. H. Edwards, 4
171. Bethany Station.....	Joseph T. Mastin, 3
172. Lancaster.....	James H. Crown, 1
173. West Lancaster.....	E. E. Parham, 1
X. Eastern Shore District.....	
174. Eastville	Charles E. Hobday, 1
175. Cobb's Island Mission...To be supplied by James A. Crowder.	2
176. Belle Haven.....	Charles D. Crawley, 3
177. Pungoteague.....	Joseph H. Riddick, 1
178. Onancock.....	Robert A. Compton, 2
179. Drummondtown.....	W. J. Twilley, 1
180. Accomac.....	W. F. Hayes, 1
181. Atlantic	Thomas G. Pullen, 2
182. Wicomico.....	A. A. Jones, 1
183. Salisbury.....	George W. Wray, 1
184. Berlin	M. L. Williams, 1
185. Cambridge Station.....	W. W. Royall, 2
186. Cambridge Circuit.....	Thomas J. Bayton, 1
187. Hooper's Island.....	William E. Bullard, 2
188. Dorchester.....	V. W. Bargamin, 2
189. York	Charles R. Taylor, 2
190. Hampton.....	E. P. Wilson, 4
191. Fox Hill.....	Thomas J. Wray, 1
John Hannon, transferred to Pacific Conference, and stationed in San Francisco.	

IV.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.—No. I.

The Board of Education is happy to report to the Conference the glad tidings of a revival of interest in Christian education throughout our borders. A new era of prosperity appears to have opened to educational institutions all over the land. The promise of a better day is before us, and the hearts of all lovers of sound training for our youth of both sexes have reason to rejoice. We congratulate the Conference that we can to-day make a report which contains no word of censure, but is filled with exultation, and yet is rigorously true to the facts.

We allude first to the brilliant list of Female Schools within our territory, which are either under the control of our Church, or are officered wholly or in part by teachers drawn from our ranks. It was Methodism that established the first Female College in the South. She first provided for the higher culture of woman, and in all our borders continues to exhibit the enlightened spirit of her earlier days. No Conference of our church is richer in institutions for the advanced training of young ladies than our own. We mention the *Danville College for Young Ladies*, the *Wesleyan Female College*, at Murfreesboro; the *Southern Female College*, at Petersburg; the *Suffolk Female Institute*; the *Bon-Air Institute*, at Charlotte Courthouse; the *Bowling Green Female Seminary*, and last, but not least, the *Norfolk College for Young Ladies*. These admirable schools have been represented before our Board in several cases by their Principals, and in the rest by outside friends. Without exception, they report a condition of gratifying prosperity, and increased facilities for their work. They are so distributed through our territory that Methodist parents in every district can find, almost at their doors, a school of high grade to which they may safely entrust the education of their daughters. Should they prefer the mountains, or the lowlands, or the seaside, they can find in our list schools where scholastic advantages may be secured without danger to health. We commend these excellent seminaries to the patronage of our members.

Turning now to the other sex, our thoughts naturally centre upon the greatest educational interest of our Conference—Randolph-Macon College. We have had with us its President and Treasurer, who have given us ample opportunity of learning its condition. They report the presence of 147 students, an increase of almost 50 per cent. upon the attendance of last year, and a larger number than has been matriculated in any previous session for twelve years. The Faculty has been enlarged by the appointment of an Assistant Professor

of Natural Science. The College was never so well fitted for its work, and its patronage proves that this is becoming known to our people. The new department of Physical Culture has been equipped with a handsome gymnasium and bath-house, under the control of a competent director, and bids fair to be one of the most popular and useful features of the College. A wise energy pervades the entire Institution, and an air of cheerful confidence which is the augury of increasing prosperity.

There are now at the College 30 students preparing for the ministry. Some of these are the sons of ministers of our Conference; but besides these there are 29 other students whose fathers are Methodist preachers. There are many of our people, to whom the College is dearer for the work it does in this direction than for any other. May the measures lately adopted by the Conference greatly increase the number of the Ministerial students! They are not so much the *beneficiaries* as the *benefactors* of Randolph-Macon.

In conclusion, we invite the co-operation of all our ministers, in the measures about to be taken by the President, to bring the advantages of the College more extensively and effectively to the knowledge of parents in our numerous pastoral charges. The active friendship of 225 such men as the preachers of the Virginia Conference is the most valuable and desirable endowment of the Institution. We would fain believe that this friendship exists, and only waits its opportunity.

The following resolutions are presented for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved, That a committee of *three* be appointed by the chair, to inquire and report to the next Conference, whether it is desirable and feasible to establish one or more male academies within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and under its auspices and control.

Resolved, That a Conference Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of three ministers and two laymen, be appointed by the chair. The said Board shall associate with them, as an advisory body, one minister and one layman from each Presiding Elder's district, and shall be charged with the collection and appropriation of funds to assist in educating for the ministry of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, such young men as shall be found, upon examination, to need and deserve such assistance.

FRANK SMITH, *Chairman.*

H. M. HOPE, *Secretary.*

EDUCATION.—No. 2.

The Board of Education recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Education be requested to obtain from the Presidents and Principals of all institutions of learning under our patronage, for use at the next Annual Conference, statistical information concerning the value of their property; the amount of endowment; number of Faculty and pupils.

(2). The Board of Education recommends the appointment of Rev. R. M. Saunders to Norfolk Female College; of Rev. W. F. Tillett, D. D., to Vanderbilt University, and of Rev. E. A. Gibbs to Bon Air Institute.

(3). The Board of Education commends to the Church the educational collection, and begs each pastor to collect, if possible, the amount assessed his charge.

(4). If a circuit or station shall raise the sum of one hundred dollars for the education of any young man, and request the Board to apply such sum to the education of such person, who shall first be accepted and approved by the Board, the Board shall so apply it. Such request must be made by the Quarterly Conference or the official board, and if no such request be made, all funds collected shall go into the general fund.

H. M. HOPE, *Secretary.*

W. W. BERRY, *Chairman, pro tem.*

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Appreciating as we do the great value and importance of religious literature, and regarding it in all its bearings upon the interest of the Church and State, we would express our gratification in learning that the Publishing House is in a prosperous condition and is doing a vast deal to meet the demands of the Church in its various publications; and we are glad to learn from the Business Manager that it is in a condition to liquidate its entire indebtedness.

In the opinion of the committee, the profits arising from the publication of Sunday-school papers should be expended in their improvement and in rendering them so cheap as to be within the ability of schools of limited means to obtain them. We most earnestly recommend our own Sunday-school literature, and would urge our people to patronize our *own* literature, believing it to be equal to any and superior to many papers which claim to be cheaper, but which do not harmonize with our doctrines and are hurtful to our children. The *Southern Methodist Review* has a peculiar claim on our preachers and people. It is published bi-monthly at two dollars per annum. It invites men of scholarly attainments to enrich its pages with gems of thought. We cordially commend it to the patronage of the public on the ground of its merits.

The *Nashville Christian Advocate* is our connectional organ, and is under the editorial conduct of Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., and Rev. Warren A. Candler, who conjointly have made it a most valuable paper and worthy of the patronage of all our people. We cordially commend it.

The *Richmond Christian Advocate* is our *home* journal. Its columns are always interesting, especially to our own Conference people. We are glad to know that its circulation is not local, but extends to every State in the Union. It should be taken by every Methodist family in the bounds of the Virginia Conference. It gives valuable information on all subjects touching the interest of the Church, is a powerful auxiliary to the preacher, and a blessing to our people. The liberality of its editor in sending the paper on what he terms "a trial trip," at the small sum of one dollar per annum, cannot be too highly praised. We strongly recommend it to our people, and would urge our preachers to see to it that it is sent to every Methodist family within his charge. We request the Bishop to appoint Rev. J. J. Lafferty, D. L., editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BOOKER, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Sabbath-School Board finds ground, in the reports from the several pastoral charges, for the congratulation of the Conference and the Church on the work done in this department of Christian effort in the past year. There has been important and most gratifying progress in many directions. There is an increase in the number of schools over last year of 57. The officers and teachers have increased to the number of 201. There are 4,903 more scholars in our schools than there were last year. There have been 278 more conversions in our schools this year than last. There has been a decrease also in the number of our children taught in union schools.

It is a gratifying fact also that our schools so generally use our own Sunday-school literature. This has not always been the case. Very recently it was not

the case. Many of our schools ignored our own literature, and in some cases used that which was not friendly to us. But now, out of 770 Sabbath schools under the supervision of our Conference, only 36 are reported as using any other literature than our own. Encouraged by our improvement in this direction, should we not determine to extirpate the evil entirely? Should we not guard the spiritual interest of our children and feed them upon spiritual food under the manipulation of our own guardianship?

The number of schools continuing their work during the entire year is also increasing. Your Board rejoices in this. We believe the greatest efficiency in this depends upon the unbroken continuance of Sabbath Schools during the entire year. Your Board urgently enforces this view upon the attention of our people.

We have to regret that teachers' meetings are held to such a limited extent. Out of 770 schools, only 17 schools in our entire work are reported as holding teachers' meetings.

We mourn also over the fact that so few comparatively of our schools use our Catechism. There are only 44 schools reported as using this means of religious instruction. True it may be that the reports were not full in this particular. Still we must in this report be governed by the written returns from the pastoral charges, and from that source of information we find only 44 schools using our Church Catechism. Surely this ought not so to be. Our children need to be thoroughly drilled in the doctrines of their Church, and that too at a time when having learned them they will never be able to forget them.

Complaint has been made to your Board that, in some sections of the Conference, the picnic occasions of our Sunday schools are made seasons of worldly dissipation. Surely the authorities of schools should guard well this point. Plague spots of evil should not be allowed at any time to enter into the house of the religious instruction of our children.

Your Board rejoices at the success attending the observance of Children's Day, recently introduced among us. We learn from the Finance Board that the amount raised to be distributed in this Conference is about \$1,200, and from this source we shall be able to aid many a needy school. The Board has adopted plans for the equitable distribution of this fund, so that it may go on its mission of usefulness to accomplish the greatest possible amount of good.

We present this summary: We have 770 schools, 8,142 officers and teachers, 54,566 scholars, 57,136 volumes in libraries, and 750 children in union schools, and there have been 2,998 conversions in our Sabbath schools during the year.

We present the following resolutions for the action of the Conference:

1. That we urge our people to put forth the most earnest efforts to continue their Sabbath schools uninterruptedly during the entire year.
2. That it is plainly the duty of all our Sunday schools to use the Sunday-school literature of our Church.
3. That we earnestly request our preachers and people to observe Children's Day in all our congregations on some Sabbath in the month of May, and take up collections, to be applied as indicated in the appointment of this day, the whole amount to be paid to the Finance Board of this Conference, who will send 10 per cent. of the amount to the General Board and 90 per cent. to the Conference Board, to be expended in our own territory.

The following plan has been adopted by the Board for the distribution of the Fund:

- I. An Executive Committee has been appointed, consisting of W. H. Christian, F. M. Edwards and Lewis B. Betty, to whom all applications should be made.

II. We give the following rules for the guidance of said Executive Committee:

1. The chairman shall publish in the *Richmond Christian Advocate* a call for information as to destitute schools.

2. Let it be understood that all applications from any superintendent for aid shall be endorsed by the preacher in charge or by the Presiding Elder of the District, and either preacher in charge or Presiding Elder may make application when the superintendent is not at hand.

3. The applications so endorsed shall contain answers to the following questions, viz.:

“What is the general condition (pecuniary) of the families connected with your school?”

“What is the outlook for usefulness?”

“What is the special need to which you wish the funds applied?”

“Have you received any help from any other source outside your own members? To what extent?”

“Is your school a strictly Methodist school?”

“Will you use our own Methodist literature?”

“Do you regard yours a truly necessitous case?”

“What amount do you suppose actually needed at present?”

III. After the reception of information on the points involved in these questions, the Executive Committee shall give what aid the funds may allow, giving preference to the most needy, according to its best judgment.

IV. The distribution of the funds shall be made before the 1st of April.

V. No application for aid shall be considered when the design is to purchase lesson papers, quarterlies, magazines or catechisms other than our own.

WM. H. CHRISTIAN, *Chairman.*

JOHN LAMB, *Secretary.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

NORFOLK, VA., November 14th, 1887.

To the President and Directors of “The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families and their Widows, and Orphans:”

Dear Brethren:—Below please find my report as your Secretary and Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning November 16th, 1886, and ending November 14th, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

1886.	Nov. 23.	From Rev. R. M. Sledd, D. D., late Treasurer..	.....	\$5,840	30
1887.	May 12.	From W. H. Peters, Receiver of Exchange National Bank for third Dividend .....	.....	30	47
	July 27.	From Granby Street M. E. Church, South, for note due this day .....	.....	1,000	00
	Oct. 3.	From D. J. Heffron, in payment of loan .....	.....	1,500	00
	Nov. 14.	From subscriptions to date .....	.....	188	00
		From interest note due August 31st, 1886.....	.....	30	00
		From interest note due July 30th, 1887 .....	.....	40	00
		From interest on investments during the year .....	.....	944	38
		Total receipts .....	.....	\$9,573	15

DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.	Nov. 23.	Paid appropriations as follows: Mrs. T. A. Davis, \$25; Rev. H. T. Bacon, \$75; Rev. J. W. Crider, \$75; Mrs. R. Michaefs, \$50; Miss Mary Scott, \$25; Miss Nannie Duncan, \$25; Rev. W. B. Rowzie, \$25; Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, \$25; Miss Ella Gibson, \$25; Rev. Jos. Lear, \$50; Mrs. Thos. Diggs, \$25.....	\$ 425 00
1887.	Mar. 2.	Paid S. F. Pearce on account of loan	1,500 00
	May 5.	Paid S. F. Pearce on account of loan	1,500 00
	May 16.	Paid Mark J. Knight. Loan two years.....	1,000 00
	July 28.	Paid S. F. Pearce on account of loan.....	1,000 00
	Aug. 16.	Paid Jacob Anthony. Loan three years.....	1,000 00
	Sept. 21.	Paid S. F. Pearce, balance of \$5,000 loan.....	1,000 00
	Nov. 9.	Miss Louisa Myers. Loan five years, with privilege of paying at expiration of three years.....	1,500 00
	Nov. 12.	Salary of Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00
		Total Disbursements	\$9,075 00

THE ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash in Citizen's Bank, Norfolk, Va	\$ 24 76
Cash in Norfolk National Bank.....	473 39
Note of T. C. Gale, Treasurer, due July 27th, 1888.....	1,000 00
Bond of B. Doran, due July 30th, 1888	4,000 00
Bond of S. S. Hunter, due August 31st, 1887	3,000 00
Bond of S. F. Pearce, due January 1st, 1892.....	5,000 00
Bond of Mark J. Knight, due May 3rd, 1889.....	1,000 00
Bond of Jacob Anthony, due August 16th, 1890.....	1,000 00
Certificate of Exchange National Bank Receiver	182 82
Bond of Miss Louisa Myers, due November 9th, 1892	1,500 00
Total Assets	\$17,180 97
Assets November, 1886	16,623 59
Net Increase	\$ 557 38

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. VICAR, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.—NO. I.

The Board of Church Extension of the Virginia Conference beg leave to present the following as report No 1.

The Board of Church Extension beg leave to report for adoption by the Conference the following resolutions :

Resolved, (1) That we recommend the raising in the Virginia Conference of a Loan Fund of \$5,000, to be called the "Virginia Conference Loan Fund," to be held and administered by the General Board for Church Extension; the amount to be raised by voluntary contributions.

(2) That we approve the plan brought to our notice in a communication from the General Secretary of the Woman's Department of Church Extension, in which it is proposed to raise a fund to be called the "Preachers Wives' Loan Fund," by each preacher's wife being made a life patron at \$5; said fund to be held and administered by the General Board of Church Extension for building parsonages.

P. A. PETERSON, *Chairman.*

Danville, Va., November 19th, 1887.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—No. 2.

The Board of Church Extension beg leave to submit Report No. 2. The whole sum at the disposal of the Board for donations to needy churches amounts to \$1,498.83. The whole amount of donations asked for is \$3,310.

We have granted donations to the following churches:

Waverly, Wakefield Circuit, Petersburg District.....	\$ 100 00
Mount Vernon, New Kent Circuit, Richmond District	150 00
Campbelltown, Berlin Circuit, Eastern Shore District	125 00
Woodland, Northampton Circuit, Murfreesboro District	100 00
Union, Spottsylvania Circuit, Randolph-Macon District.....	125 00
Trinity, Cherterfield Circuit, Petersburg District.....	200 00
Eagle's Nest, Essex Circuit, Randolph-Macon District	175 00
Mount Tabor. West Amherst Circuit, Lynchburg District ...	100 00
Lebanon, Bedford Springs Circuit, Lynchburg District	125 00
New Hope, West Franklin Circuit, Danville District.....	100 00
Creasy's Chapel, Patrick Mission, Danville District.....	198 38
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	\$1,498 38

The following ladies have been elected to the Secretaryships of the Woman's Department of Church Extension of the Virginia Conference:—

Conference Secretary—Mrs. Camillus Christian, of Lynchburg.

Conference Treasurer—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, of Lynchburg.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Richmond District—Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Richmond, Va.

Charlottesville District—Miss Rosa Shepherd, Palmyra, Va.

Lynchburg District—Mrs. Adam Nowlin, Lynchburg, Va.

Danville District—Mrs. C. H. Hickey, Danville, Va.

Farmville District—Mrs. C. W. Walker, Farmville, Va.

Petersburg District—Mrs. L. L. Marks, Petersburg, Va.

Murfreesboro District—Mis Novella Darden, Isle of Wight Co., Va.

Norfolk District—Mrs. M. A. Hudgins, Norfolk, Va.

Randolph-Macon District—Mrs. M. E. Blackwell, Ashland, Va.

Eastern Shore District—Mrs. F. T. Boggs, Boggs' Wharf, Accomac Co., Va.

P. A. PETERSON, *Chairman.*

Danville, Va., November 21st, 1887.

CHURCH EXTENSION—No. 3.**Woman's Department.**

My first report as Conference Secretary of the Woman's Department of Church Extension goes forth with feelings of profound regret that so little has been accomplished in the Virginia Conference for this work, and accompanied by the suggestion that one be installed into the office held by me, who can give her hand, her heart and her head to the work, in a manner to produce more satisfactory results than statistics show for me.

From the report it will be seen that not a Society has been organized outside of the larger cities; and with Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Peters-

burg, Lynchburg, and many towns of importance within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, only five Societies have been formed.

There must be some explanation for this, and such can be presented to the Church through the medium of the masculine minds who compose the Board of Church Extension, the parent tree of the branch, known as the Woman's Department of said work, in a manner more worthy of the cause, than can be done by its Secretary. Yet I deem a few words from me to be in place, by way of extenuation, for this result, and excusing my sisters throughout the Virginia Conference for any lack of zeal in a cause promotive of the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

It requires time, patience, and much reading of circulars, to reach a clear conclusion as to the object, aim, or intent of the work; hence, there has been difficulty to the average female mind from the well known propensity to jump to conclusions, also trusting much to a feminine intuition (which many husbands have found invaluable if they only heeded it), not proving available in mothers requiring close attention to printed detailed directions for the furtherance of this work. The name even requires thought, being a prefix to the name of a Society little known, understood, and never canvassed among the females of the Church. Then the term "extension" at once suggests distance, the mind instantly conceiving the idea that with the need of parsonages at hand, the amounts subscribed would be expended in the far West, forgetting that the destitute charges in each district can, by application through the proper channels, obtain a *pro rata* of the amount collected. Hence, the manner of obtaining help, when such help is needed, is not made clear by the circulars.

Whereas, the printed matter for the conduct of the work is sufficient in quantity and quality, and is set forth by a master mind, yet in many instances a vagueness seems to possess the mind difficult to dispel, and possibly due to ignorance as to the methods in the work of Church Extension.

The pastors on the majority of the charges have been the chief aids in the furtherance of this enterprise. However, there have been exceptions to this rule, owing chiefly, as far as I could learn, to the fact that the energy and surplus means of such charges were being employed in some local cause necessary to the welfare of the Church.

Miss Helm, the General Secretary, is the right woman in the right place. Her exertions in behalf of the infant of her adoption are wonderful to my mind. Summer's heat nor winter's cold deter her from the undertaking and prosecution of exhausting journeys to distant fields of labor, there organizing Societies, which are to be the means of supplying the temporal aid so necessary to those who go thence to plant the standard of the cross. Her time, talents, prayers, are dedicated to this work, which she deemed to be service for the Master, whose she is, and whom she serves, and that it is placed in her hands direct from His. Another evidence of that unerring wisdom from on-high is this selection.

My duty has been inadequately performed. I needed sympathy in my undertaking—such sympathy which nerves the heart, and strengthens the hand evinced by ready co-operation and cheerful response—but much of failure is due to myself. Absence from home, other duties claiming my attention, may be some extenuation for much neglect of duty.

I would be glad to be able to pay the proper tribute to those who have aided me, by counsel, prayer and work, and in this connection would say that all who have co-operated with me have been faithful, rendering their work as

"unto the Lord," each doing all that she could, thus strengthening me and holding up my weak hands.

Miss Helm urges you to present this cause to the Conference, not forgetting the plan originated by Rev. Henry Partridge, of the Florida Conference, for raising a loan fund, called the "Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund." She also desires, through me, to engage your services to induce the Presiding Elders to bring this cause to the consideration of the churches.

The following are the Societies formed, and the collections received in the Virginia Conference:

Granby-Street Church, 29 members.....	\$24 50
Centenary Church, Richmond.....	2 00
Laurel-Street Church, Richmond, 16 members.....	36 38
Memorial Church, Lynchburg, 21 members.....	20 35
Court-Street Church, Lynchburg	19 00
Special from Mrs. F. Spencer, of Memorial Church.....	2 00
Special from a member of Court-Street to make Mrs. Patterson a life member of the Loan Fund	5 00

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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CAMILLUS CHRISTIAN,
Conf. Sec'y of Woman's Departm't of Ch. Extension.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to present the following report:

It is a well known but not properly appreciated fact that the object of the Virginia Bible Society is to disseminate the Word of God, without note or comment, throughout the length and breadth of our State, and to furnish every household, at least, with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, which is the only guide, sufficient and complete rule of our faith and practice.

It becomes every Protestant to appreciate, endorse and promote, by earnest and direct effort, the great object proposed by the Society. And inasmuch as our Church within the bounds of the Virginia Conference has been the recipient of aid from the Society in furtherance of our work, it is our duty to give our hearty co-operation in promoting its design.

We offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved, 1st. That we will bring the claim of the Virginia Bible Society to the attention of our people, and explain its nature and designs.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will take up a collection in all our congregations in aid of this great and good work at such time as may be deemed best.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. WILSON, *Chairman*.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance would report as follows:

Very gratifying results have come to our people from the operation of the Local Option Law of Virginia wherever the elections thereunder have been carried in favor of prohibition, and even in those places in which there has been failure to secure a majority for the abolition of the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage, the number and character of the voters against the license system can but give a salutary warning to the advocates of the saloon, while patriots and Christians find joy in taking the large vote to contain a prophecy of coming victory for a cause in which every lover of Jesus must take a decided interest.

The exertions heretofore made for the education of public sentiment have been so successful that there is large encouragement for continued work. The contest against one of the most powerful agencies employed by the enemy of souls must go on. The Church cannot be an idle spectator. Because the salvation of immortal souls is endangered by the prevalence of liquor vending, the minister of that Gospel which is the only hope of the world must "cry aloud and spare not" in the exposition of both danger and remedy. Nor can the Gospel preacher, with consistency, allow himself to be deterred from this duty by the fact that the unthinking or the evil minded may raise the cry of "fanaticism" or "extremeism."

To the good man nothing can be erratic which aids in the process of plucking an immortal soul as a brand from the burning.

The movements of those who have banded together for the perpetuation of the liquor power are full of warning to all pious persons. Not satisfied with plying the destructive trade six days in the week, they seem to desire the hours of the Holy Sabbath also to be given to them by civil law for the unholy business. In four States and three Territories in these United States laws have been secured allowing saloon work on Sunday. In our own State there have been many violations of our Sabbath laws, sometimes, we fear, with little or no exertion on the part of those in power to abate the evil.

Your committee, therefore, feeling intensely the importance of the Sabbath, both as a civil and divine institution, and impressed with the danger thereto arising from the peculiar trend of saloon influence, as well as being deeply and solemnly convinced of the danger to the Church and to the world from the liquor traffic on all the days of the week, would most earnestly call upon the lovers of our Zion to go forward in every work tending to bring about a favorable consideration of the doctrine of prohibition by our citizens.

The testimony of the Church should be clear and decided. Hence we rejoice that our last General Conference placed in our book of discipline a law which cannot be misunderstood. Failure to enforce this law is much to be deplored. To allow a liquor vender to remain undisturbed as a member of our Church is to connive at an enormous wrong. It can do him no good. It must do the Church and society a great harm. The prudence which a wise administration of discipline calls for cannot reach an indefinite postponement of all action. Let the Church be free from this traffic—by exhortation and persuasion of those who may be connected therewith, if she can; by expulsion of them, if she must. We offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby requested to make special inquiry throughout their districts as to the enforcement of our disciplinary law upon this subject, and, wherever there is a tendency to neglect, to urge a loving compliance with the said law.

F. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

COLPORTAGE.

In obedience to law the Board of Colportage respectfully submits the following report:

The plan of colportage work, adopted near the close of the last Conference session, has been put into operation upon six of our ten districts. When we remember that the plan was new, the times were hard, and the treasury almost empty, the results reached during the past year are highly encouraging. Six regular colporteurs have been in the field, from five of whom we have reports. They have travelled in all 6,840 miles, visited 4,965 families and 74 Sunday-schools, prayed with 217 families, preached 112 sermons, and made 94 other addresses. They have sold 1,641 Bibles and other religious books, and have made an average profit of \$24 per month for each colporteur. It has cost us 44 cents to sell one dollar's worth of books, the profits to the Church, consisting, of course, in the religious results of the colporteurs' work. Except in one district the colporteur has been remunerated solely from the profits on his sales. Compared with the experience of a sister Church, which is considered to have achieved signal success in the same field, our infant enterprise has been conducted with singular economy.

In presence of these facts it would be distrust of Providence not to go forward. We heartily and unanimously urge the zealous prosecution of this work on its present lines during the coming year. We have reason to hope for the active co-operation of every one of our districts.

The experience of the past year suggests some slight changes in the details of our plan. They do not affect its essential character, but in our judgment will promote its efficiency. We report to the Conference the entire plan, as thus amended, with a unanimous recommendation that it be adopted.

PLAN OF COLPORTAGE WORK IN THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The object of this work shall continue to be "to disseminate our Church literature, especially that published at our Nashville house, embracing hymn books, disciplines, Sunday-school literature, blanks, &c., and Bibles; and to solicit subscribers to the *Richmond Christian Advocate* and other periodical literature of our Church; to visit Sunday-schools as opportunity may offer, and to have its employé to act as a general missionary on his district in accordance with the following plan:

1. That a Board of Colportage be constituted, consisting of the Presiding Elder of each district, and one minister and one layman, both of whom shall be nominated by the Presiding Elder; and said board shall elect a president and secretary, who shall be considered an advisory committee to the district committees.
2. It shall be the duty of this Board at each Annual Conference to receive from the several district committees hereafter mentioned a report of the work done by them during the Conference year, and condense the same into a report to the Conference.
3. The committee for each district shall consist of the Presiding Elder and the aforesaid minister and layman. The layman shall be the treasurer of the said committee.
4. The duties of said committee shall be to receive moneys, purchase books,

employ a colporteur or colporteurs, and execute the plans that may be devised by the Conference Board, and report annually to that Board the results of their labors.

The district committees shall ascertain what amounts are needed in addition to the amounts previously collected to furnish a sufficient capital for their district, and request the district stewards to apportion the same to the several charges on the basis of the Presiding Elder's salary, and urge the pastors to collect the same during the first or second quarter, and forward to the treasurer of the district committee.

6. The remuneration of the colporteur shall consist of the profits on the books sold by him, which, however, may be supplemented, at the discretion of the committee, by a small fixed salary.

FRANCIS H. SMITH, *President of Board.*

JOHN W. BRADBURY, *Secretary.*

V.

THE CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Mission Board of the Virginia Conference has great cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for marked and increased success in the Domestic Mission fields of the Conference. While this work, like all other works controlled by man, has its imperfections and failures, and the Board hat no desire to conceal or minify them, nevertheless the general result has been very gratifying, inasmuch as many souls have been converted to God and the work of the church advanced.

The results of the work are shown in the tabulated statements herewith given.

The sum collected this year for Domestic Missions so far reported is \$7,902.80. Amount assessed for past year to meet claims of Missions and Weak Circuits and Stations, \$9,375. Deficiency, \$1,490.75. The Treasurer will give statement of Foreign receipts.

The Board most earnestly invite the co-operation and the prayers of the ministers and brethren of the Conference, in this very difficult and responsible work, believing that some good work has been done and better work will be done in the cause of the Master.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD FOR 1887.

MISSIONS.

		Houses of Worship.		Value of Church Property.		Churches built this year.		Churches under contract		Other places where services are held.		No. of members.		No. last year.		Increase.		Decrease.		No. of conversions.		No. of accessions to church.		No. of Sunday-schools.		No. officers and teachers.		No. scholars.		No. volumes in Library.		Salary raised for P. C.		Salary for P. E.		Amount raised for Sunday-schools.	
<i>Charlottesville District—</i>																																					
Piedmont Mission	R. Stevens, P. C.	5	\$1550 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	299	296	3	....	71	62	4	25	25	145	400	47 48	21 78	8 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
West Goochland, McD. Rucker, P. C.		3	2000 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	347	242	105	....	60	105	4	25	25	300	426	266 74	35 67	11 14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Milton, Jos. A. Crowder, P. C.		1	1000 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	236	161	75	....	98	76	1	61	300	250	175 00	15 00	10 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<i>Lynchburg District—</i>																																					
Madison & Dan'l'stown, W.A. Langhon		3	2850 00	....	....	....	....	....	....		266	241	25	....	125	51	3	37	257	241	405 00	40 56	159 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<i>Danville District—</i>																																					
Patrick Mission, D. J. Traynham, P.C.		2	1000 00	....	2	12	258	229	29	....	....	....	33	30	14	61	61	541	70	87 07	9 67	22 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
West Franklin, T. P. Duke, P. C.		3	1500 00	1	1	4	182	179	3	....	....	....	6	10	5	41	41	301	160	82 92	17 08	21 25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<i>Farmville District—</i>																																					
West Lunenburg, J. C. Rosser, P. C..		5	3000 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	214	203	11	....	30	18	6	40	200	200	273 00	....	10 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<i>Petersburg District—</i>																																					
West End, J. E. R. Riddick, P. C.		1	1600 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	89	89	89	....	82	100	1	10	115	....	118 00	....	174 10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Powhatan, J. Baily		2	1600 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	70	69	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	100 00	13 60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
<i>Murfreesboro District—</i>																																					
Roanoke Island and Dare, J.G. Lennon		5	5460 00	3	3	....	....	....	....		412	392	20	....	39	39	5	70	338	400	500 00	45 00	24 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Kitty Hawk																																					
<i>Eastern Shore District—</i>																																					
Cobbs Island, Jas. A. Crowder....		2	1500 00	....	....	....	....	....	....		20	23	3	4	4	2	9	48	225	1 1 00	11 00	4 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newport News, J. T. Bosman		2	5000 00	1	....	....	....	....	....		34	....	34	....	4	36	Union.	....	....	....	500 00	60 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD FOR 1887—CONTINUED.

MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.										WANTS OF MISSIONS.				
CONFERENCE COLLECTION.														
DOMESTIC MISSIONS.														
<i>Charlottesville District—</i>														
Piedmont Mission.....	\$ 12 00													
West Goochland.....														
Milton.....														
<i>Lynchburg District—</i>														
Madison and Danielstown.....	12 00	10 25	3 50	3 00	5 00	2 75	39 00	84 50	965 06	\$ 165 86	Good.	Good.	Good.	.....
										439 75	very good	Good.	Good.	.....
										243 00	much im- proved.	Good	Good	.....
<i>Danville District—</i>														
Patrick Mission.....	3 00	3 50	.50	2 00	1 50	3 00	25 00	.....	157 24	Good	Good.	Good	.....	Needs Churches.
West Franklin.....	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 73	7 26	2 73	380 00	29 00	554 97	Good	Good.	Good	.....	Needs Churches, Bibles, S. S.
<i>Farmville District—</i>														
West Lunenburg.....	10 00	15 00	3 00	8 00	6 72	4 00	40 00	165 00	534 72	very good.	.....	Good	.....	Needs literature & more working
<i>Petersburg District—</i>														Needs S. S. books. [force.]
West End.....	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	416 47	86 21	822 78	Good	.....	.....	.....	.....
Powhatan.....	1 50	5 75	1 00	.....	5 75	1 00	.....	.....	128 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Murfreesboro District—</i>														
Roanoke Island and Dare.....	33 00	80 00	8 00	5 00	70 00	7 00	3560 00	47 00	4379 50	Good.	.....	Good	.....	Bibles.
Kitty Hawk.....														
<i>Eastern Shore District—</i>														
Cobbs Island.....	3 00	5 00	1 00	.....	4 00	1 00	50 00	20 00	189 00	Good.	.....	Good	.....	.....
Newport News.....	1 00	.....	.....				1400 00	114 70	2086 70	very good.	.....	.....	.....	.....
										\$10687 18				

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. FOREIGN MISSIONARY FUND.

		Self Denial.	Foreign Missions.	Total
To am't rec'd from preachers	Richmond	Dist. \$ 140 46	\$ 1,214 05	\$ 1,354 51
" "	Charlottesville	" 5 00	539 51	544 51
" "	Lynchburg	" 366 51	2,697 69	3,064 20
" "	Danville	" 148 60	760 58	909 18
" "	Farmville	" 53 61	1,310 25	1,363 86
" "	Petersburg	" 25 55	1,407 32	1,662 77
" "	Murfreesboro	" 31 50	906 34	937 84
" "	Norfolk	" 67 52	2,418 01	2,485 53
" "	Rand'lph Macon	" 139 18	873 59	1,012 77
" "	Eastern Shore	" 60 50	871 12	931 62
" " for total collections,		\$1,268 43	\$12,998 36	\$14,266 79
To one half Anniversary Missionary Collection at Danville				30 50
" " special donation by a gentlemau from North Carolina, through Rev. R. N. Sledd				50 00
				\$14,347 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

By vouchers from preachers for remittances to Rev. D. C. Kelley, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., on account of Self Denial Fund.....	\$ 740 48
By vouchers from preachers for remittances to Rev. D. C. Kelley, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., on account of Foreign Missionary Fund.....	1,726 58
By amount balance remitted Rev. D. C. Kelley, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn	11,880 28
	\$14,347 24

LOUIS L. MARKS, Treasurer.

II. DOMESTIC MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To amount balance from last year.....	\$ 286 94
" " received from preachers at this Conference	7,902 80
" " " Rev. R. N. Sledd, Chairman Cen- tenary Committee, being 15 per cent. of balance of Cen- tenary Fund in Exchange National Bank Norfolk, and placed to credit of Domestic Missions by order of Con- ference.....	15 63
To amount one-half Anniversary Missionary Collection at Main Street church, Danville, Va.....	30 55
To amount one-half special donation by a gentleman from North Carolina, through Rev. R. N. Sledd.....	50 00
To amount borrowed by Rev. R. N. Sledd, Chairman, by or- der of the Board, for emergencies	500 00
	\$8,785 92

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

DISBURSEMENTS.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

III. APPROPRIATIONS TO DOMESTIC MISSIONS. 1887-8.

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—

West Goochland..	.....	.....	\$250 00
Milton.....	.....	.....	250 00
Piedmont ..	.....	.....	200 00
			\$700 00

DANVILLE DISTRICT—

Patrick .....	.....	.....	\$800 00
West Franklin.....	.....	.....	250 00
			\$1,050 00

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—

Roanoke Island and Dare .....	.....	.....	\$300 00
Kitty Hawk.....	.....	.....	150 00
			\$450 00

EASTERN SHORE—

Newport News.....	.....	.....	\$300 00
Cobb's Island.....	.....	.....	200 00
			\$500 00

FARMVILLE DISTRICT—

West Lunenburg .....	.....	.....	\$350 00
			\$350 00

PETERSBURG DISTRICT—

West End .....	.....	.....	\$400 00
			\$400 00
			\$3,450

FEEBLE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Denny-Street	\$125 00
Fifth-Street, Manchester.....	50 00
West-End Memorial, Manchester.....	200 00
West Point.....	75 00
Williamsburg	300 00

	\$750 00

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—

Gordonsville and Orange.....	\$150 00
Orange Circuit.....	200 00
Culpeper Station.....	50 00
Culpeper Circuit.....	200 00

	\$600 00

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—

Trinity, Lynchburg	\$200 00
Danielstown.....	250 00
Madison Station.....	250 00

	\$700 00

DANVILLE DISTRICT—

Pittsylvania	\$100 00
Henry.....	125 00
Patrick Circuit.....	150 00
Floyd-Street.....	250 00

	\$625 00

FARMVILLE DISTRICT—

West Charlotte.....	\$100 00
Burkeville	50 00
Buckingham	150 00

	\$300 00

PETERSBURG DISTRICT—

Ettrick	\$300 00
Matoaca	100 00
Wesley	200 00
Blandford.....	150 00
Surry.....	150 00
West Chesterfield.....	75 00

	\$975 00

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—

Edenton.....	\$200 00

	\$200 00

NORFOLK DISTRICT—

Asbury.....	\$250 00
Centenary.....	200 00

	\$450 00

RANDOLPH-MACON DISTRICT—

Ashland	\$350 00
Goochland	125 00
Spotsylvania.....	125 00
West Hanover.....	100 00
King George.....	50 00

	\$750 00

EASTERN-SHORE DISTRICT—

Belle Haven.....	\$150 00
Drummondtown.....	250 00
Wicomico	150 00
Cambridge	100 00
Fox Hill	150 00

	\$800 00
Total.....	\$6,325 00

ROSEBUD MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. B. LAURENS, Secretary and Treasurer, in account with the Rosebuds.
Receipts for the year ending October 31, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to schools in foreign lands.....	\$3,350 00
Incidental expenses.....	15 55
Balance in bank	4,610 63
Balance in office, stamps, &c.	59 52
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	\$8,035 70

VI.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in hands of Rev. A. G. Brown, ch'n, from last Conference	\$ 605 01
To Amount received from preachers at this Conference	8,006 86
" " " " interest on Colvin bequest	48 50
" " " " Trustees of Hall Fund	178 50
" " " " sales of Conference Annual	282 50
" " " " discrepancies in making change	1 82
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	\$9,123 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Carried forward \$ 5359 12

	Amount brought forward.....	\$5329 12
Paid Rev. M. C. Pearce.....	100 00	
" J. Hayes.....	75 00	
" Julia Wood	100 00	
" Wonnycott	150 00	
" W. J. Hunter.....	150 00	
" B. H. Johnson and child...	175 00	
" Alex. Stewart.....	100 00	
" Geo. N. Guy and 2 children	200 00	
" A. Penn.....	100 00	
" Jas. A. Duncan and child	175 00	
" John Bayley.....	150 00	
" J. M. Arnold.....	100 00	
" Thos. Diggs and 4 children.....	265 00	
" C. H. Hall and 3 children.....	225 00	
" John M. Jones and 2 children.....	150 00	
" M. F. Slaughter...	75 00	
" Geo. M. Wright and 3 children	225 00	
" B. M. Williams, special.....	40 00	
" T. A. Davis and 1 child.....	175 00	
" B. F. Tenneille and 6 children.....	300 00	
" two children of Rev. D. T. Hodges.....	80 00	
Balance paid Rev. A. G. Brown, chairman.....	654 07	\$9,123 19

LOUIS L. MARKS, *Treasurer.*

IV. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand from last Conference.....	\$ 1 09
To amount received from preachers at this Conference.....	3,018 16
	— \$3,019 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid Rev. P. A. Peterson for postage.....	\$ 75
By amount paid Rev. D. Morton, Secretary Church Extension Board, Louisville, Ky.....	1,509 08
By amount paid Rev. S. H. Johnson, Mt. Vernon Church, New Kent Circuit.....	150 00
Amount paid Rev. N. B. Foushee, Lebanon Church, Bedford Springs Circuit.....	125 00
By amount paid Rev. J. D. Southall, Mt. Tabor Church, West Amherst Circuit ..	100 00
By amount paid Rev. T. P. Duke, New Hope Church, West Franklin Mission.....	100 00
By amount paid Rev. D. J. Traynham, Creasy's Church, Patrick Mission..	198 38
By amount paid Rev. James Blincoe, Trinity Church, Chesterfield Circuit	200 00
By amount paid Rev. W. H. Riddick, Waverly Church, Wakefield Circuit.....	100 00
By amount paid Rev. J. O. Moss, Woodland Church, Northampton Circuit.....	100 00
By amount paid Rev. J. T. Payne, Union Church, Spotsylvania Circuit.....	125 00
By amount paid Rev. W. G. Boggs, Eagle's Nest Church, Essex Circuit	175 00
By amount paid Rev. T. J. Wray, Campbelltown Church, Berlin Circuit.....	125 00
By balance in hands of Treasurer.....	11 04
	— \$3,019 25

LOUIS L. MARKS, *Treasurer.*

V. WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT, CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

(For Providing Parsonages.)

REPORT OF MRS. C. V. WINFREE, TREASURER.

To amount received from Court St., Lynchburg.....	\$19 00
" " " Memorial, Lynchburg.....	20 25
" " " Laurel St., Richmond.....	36 38
" " " Centenary, Richmond.....	2 00
" " " Granby St., Norfolk.....	24 50
" " " Mr. T. Spencer, donation.....	2 00
	_____ \$104 13
To amount to make Mrs. P. A. Peterson a life patron of the Preachers' Wives Loan Fund.....	5 00
	_____ \$109 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid Rev. D. Morton, Sec'y	\$52 06
" " " on Loan Fund.....	5 00
" " " Va. Conference Church Extension Board Treas- urer for Parsonage Fund.....	52 07
	_____ \$109 13

VI. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To amount received from preachers at Conference.....	\$2,532 62
By amount paid Capt. Richard Irby, Secretary and Treasurer of Randolph-Macon College. ....	..... \$2,532 62

VII. BISHOPS' FUND.

To amount received from preachers at Conference.....	\$1,673 67
By amount paid Bishop J. S. Key.....	..... \$1,673 67

VII. CHILDREN'S DAY.

RECEIPTS.

To amount received from preachers at Conference.....	\$1,386 85
	_____ \$1,386 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount vouchers of preachers for remittances to L. D. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.....	\$ 51 05
By balance of 10 per cent. of receipts paid to L. D. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn.....	87 63
By amount balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,248 17
	_____ \$1,386 85

LOUIS L. MARKS, Treasurer.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1887-'88.

DISTRICTS.	Percentage.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Conference Collections.	Bishop's Fund.	Educational Fund	Church Extension.	Total.
Richmond	13	\$2,678	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$260	\$ 455	\$ 650	\$6,903
Charlottesville.	9	1,854	1,080	900	180	315	450	4,779
Lynchburg.....	11	2,266	1,320	1,100	220	385	550	5,841
Danville	8	1,648	960	800	160	280	400	4,248
Fairfaxville.. ...	10	2,060	1,200	1,000	200	350	500	5,310
Petersburg	11	2,266	1,320	1,100	220	385	550	5,841
Murfreesboro...	11	2,266	1,320	1,100	220	385	550	5,841
Norfolk.....	13	2,678	1,560	1,200	260	455	650	6,903
Randolph-Mac	7	1,442	840	700	140	245	350	3,717
Eastern Shore..	7	1,442	840	700	140	245	350	3,717
	100	\$20,600	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$53,100

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1887.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.			CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds	
Richmond District.....	J. P. Garland, P. E....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Trinity.....	James C. Reed.....		179 43	179 43	1700 00	1700 00		42 10	.....	86 30	.....	90 77	26 53
2. Broad Street.....	S. S. Lambeth.....	24 87	200 55	200 55	2250 00	2250 00		156 00	....	162 32	.....	60 00	27 00
3. Centenary	{ W. E. Edwards	10 00	232 21	232 21	2400 00	2400 00		200 54	.....	357 31	.....	101 90	84 20
	{ Geo. W. Wray													
4. Park Place.....	Wm. E. Evans.....		158 22	158 22	1800 00	1800 00		138 69	.....	200 00	.....	41 27	46 57
5. Clay Street.....	Jos. H. Riddlek.....		147 48	147 48	1800 00	1800 00		6 68	6 80	16 67	6 81	45 00	38 25	
6. Laurel Street.....	Wm. P. Wright.....		63 51	63 51	1000 00	1000 00		17 00	.....	16 00	.....		20 12
7. Union	James C. Martin.....	10 00	126 66	126 66	1600 00	1600 00		56 30	.....	56 30	.....	51 78	12 60
8. Denny Street.....	John A. Jefferson.....		21 09	21 09	250 00	233 32	16 68	5 00	.....				
9. Manchester-Central....	Wm. H. Christian.....		68 59	68 59	1300 00	1344 64		31 70	....	25 70	6 75	21 00	19 62
10. " Fifth St....	Geo. H. Wiley.....		15 00	15 00	400 00	400 00		20 00	.....	23 00	.....		23 26
11. " West End..	John B. Dey.....	4 00	21 09	21 09	350 00	350 00		8 00	....	8 00	.....		
12. Henrico	Thos. J. Bayton.....	50 00	68 59	51 93	700 00	581 52	135 14	33 80	.....	32 70	37 50		
13. West New Kent.....	W. D. Best.....	1 25	42 22	32 12	400 00	307 61	102 49	9 00	3 45	19 60	.....		
14. West Point.....	W. T. Williams.....		26 93	26 93	500 00	500 00		30 00	.....	30 00	.....		27 40
15. New Kent.....	S. H. Johnson.....		68 59	62 96	400 00	361 64	40 99	15 00	.....	30 00	.....		14 00
16. Charles City.....	H. T. Bacon.....	36 31	68 59	61 96	475 00	439 63	42 00	15 00	.....	12 50	.....		23 28
17. Williamsburg.....	Thos. P. Wise.....	4 00	10 09	10 09	250 00	250 00		2 89	.....	3 24	.....		
18. Gloucester.....	{ T. H. Campbell....	60 00	158 22	158 22	1175 00	1175 00		40 00	.....	53 00	.....	35 00	72 06
	{ W. J. Hubbard													
19. West Matthews.....	C. F. Comer.....		52 77	52 77	550 00	555 30		21 00	1 00	83 65	2 00		42 57	
20. Matthews.....	E. M. Peterson.....	4 00	158 22	158 22	1100 00	1100 00		40 00	....	60 00	25 16	.....	35 00
Totals for 1887.....		204 43	1888 05	1 03	20160 00	20151 66	287 36	883 70	16 25	1276 29	78 22	446 72	542 46	
Totals for 1886		62 40	1800 00	17 76	20191 35	19670 17	879 42	828 09	34 94	1132 88	95 52	384 59	639 72	
Increase.....		42 03	88 05	107 27	91 35	481 49		55 61	143 41	62 13			
Decrease.....								692 06	18 69	17 30	127 26	

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RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds.
Charlottesville Dist....	JAMES O. MOSS, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Charlottesville.....	H. M. Hope.....	.....	137 00	137 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	51 00	.....	75 00	.....	47 25	34 52
2. Albemarle.....	W. H. Gregory.....	25 50	125 00	118 16	800 00	752 14	54 70	30 00	.....	67 21	.....	.....	10 00
3. Louisa.....	W. F. Bain.....	30 50	128 44	107 85	900 00	752 70	167 89	30 63	.....	50 37	.....	.....	22 60
4. Scottsville.....	John W. Crider.....	.....	123 00	97 30	725 00	641 14	109 56	10 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	8 75
5. Fluvanna.....	W. W. Sawyer.....	.....	95 00	95 00	600 00	600 00	.....	19 45	5 55	50 00	.....	.....	14 09
6. Milton Mission.....	Joseph A. Crowder.....	.....	15 00	15 00	175 00	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Batesville.....	A. C. Berryman.....	15 00	145 50	140 89	725 00	700 61	29 00	40 18	.....	60 00	.....	.....	27 85
8. Gordonsville and Orange	W. W. Bennett.....	.....	50 00	41 72	365 00	294 58	78 70	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	700 00
9. Orange Circuit.....	R. H. Mullen.....	50	65 00	65 00	435 00	410 35	24 65	16 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Culpeper Circuit.....	C. H. McGhee.....	.....	90 00	73 16	450 00	348 98	117 86	31 00	.....	58 13	.....	.....	16 50
11. Culpeper Station.....	John L. Clarke.....	12 00	40 00	40 00	450 00	450 00	.....	23 69	.....	23 69	.....	.....	.....
12. Rappahannock.....	John Q. Rhodes.....	50	110 00	95 77	800 00	709 45	104 78	20 00	.....	25 60	.....	.....	8 00
13. Madison.....	C. C. Wertenbaker.....	37 00	120 00	114 20	750 00	714 90	40 90	48 00	.....	72 00	.....	1 00	.....
14. Greene.....	James H. Crown.....	10 00	135 00	116 22	685 00	582 64	121 14	15 08	8 00	20 00	8 11	2 00	6 00
15. West Goochland Mission	McDaniel Rücker.....	7 44	50 00	35 67	330 00	266 74	77 59	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
16. Piedmont Mission.....	B. F. Smith.....	.....	21 78	21 78	47 48	47 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1887.....	138 44	1450 72	1314 72	9737 48	8946 71	926 77	357 03	13 55	536 40	8 11	50 25	160 31
	Totals for 1886.....	115 90	1448 16	1277 07	10245 00	8881 10	1534 99	320 21	8 03	508 76	6 59	57 15	177 83
	Increase.....	22 54	2 56	37 65	.....	65 60	.....	36 82	5 52	27 64	1 52	6 60	17 5
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	507 52	.....	608 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.					Whole amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.							
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.		Sunday School Purposes.		Building and Repairing Churches		Children's Day.		Bible Society.				Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	198 41	\$ 423 42	\$11 28	\$ 5 00	\$ 210 56	\$ 2827 44	\$ 5 32	1	32	471	52	254			
1. Charlottesville.....	\$ 65 00	\$ 65 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 32 00	\$ 32 00	30 00	130 00	.....	.....	75 00	1334 31	2 30	5	50	350	31	200	
2. Albemarle.....	90 00	53 00	20 00	14 30	34 00	15 00	46 00	14 00	76 27	68 20	2 00	.....	115 00	1360 12	2 23	8	53	328	8	440		
3. Louisa	85 00	50 00	17 00	17 00	30 00	20 00	42 00	17 00	250 00	450 00	.....	.....	300 00	1797 19	3 41	10	55	627	.....	354
4. Scottsville	60 00	15 00	12 50	5 00	20 00	5 00	28 00	4 00	20 00	110 00	2 00	1 80	60 00	1049 89	1 67	5	40	350	5	525			
5. Fluvanna.....	55 00	40 00	12 00	9 00	20 00	11 00	28 00	12 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	43 00	243 00	1 03	5	61	300	.....	250
6. Milton Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185 50	1536 49	.....	.....	3 08	6	55	307	20	450		
7. Batesville.....	90 00	75 00	20 00	15 00	34 00	20 00	46 00	25 00	26 10	200 00	5 36	.....	55 00	617 07	4 75	2	21	123	3	.....		
8. Gordonsville and Orange	45 00	11 00	7 00	3 00	13 00	3 00	18 00	4 00	45 77	132 00	.....	.....	45 65	677 25	2 14	3	23	123	10	550	
9. Orange Circuit.....	55 00	27 50	9 00	6 00	15 00	8 00	22 00	2 50	5 75	76 00	.....	.....	95 86	766 62	1 77	6	47	304	28	275	
10. Culpeper Circuit.....	55 00	41 02	10 00	7 46	18 00	13 43	23 00	17 15	49 87	.....	14 06	.....	84 22	697 25	7 19	1	8	50	8	.....		
11. Culpeper Station.....	40 00	30 25	5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	13 00	8 00	13 08	.....	4 32	.....	60 00	1154 22	2 60	6	55	285	25	300	
12. Rappahannock.....	.....	30 00	.....	7 50	.....	8 00	.....	5 00	60 00	120 00	5 00	.....	472 19	1 36	4	25	127	6	426	
13. Madison.....	90 00	60 40	20 00	15 00	34 00	25 00	46 00	23 00	94 35	433 19	.....	.....	268 31	1906 35	3 72	7	94	470	23	405	
14. Greene	90 00	25 00	20 00	5 00	34 00	5 00	46 00	5 00	62 61	147 76	.....	.....	84 72	1103 14	2 21	5	40	200	1	300	
15. West Goochland Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 14	134 20	.....	.....	17708 39	2 64	78	684	4560	220	5129	
16. Piedmont Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	88 60	165 86	55	4	25	145	.....	400
Totals for 1887.....	900 00	523 17	180 00	120 26	315 00	162 43	427 00	168 65	961 35	2424 77	44 02	6 8	1771 42	17051 46	2 66	73	617	4256	190	5652			
Totals for 1886.....	900 00	398 00	162 00	106 93	315 00	157 21	427 00	137 88	782 03	2520 89	.....	4 75	1591 13	.....	.....	5	67	304	30	523
Increase.....	125 17	18 00	13 33	5 22	30 77	179 32	44 02	2 05	180 29	656 93	02	523			
Decrease.....				

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.												CHURCH PROPERTY.						
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMBERS.		Total Mem- bers this Year	Total Mem- bers Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						No.	Value.	No.	Value.	Value of all other Church Property.		
				White.	Colored					Profes- sion of Faith.	GAINS	Certifi- cate and other- wise.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals	With- drawals	Expul- sions.					
1. Charlottesville.....	1	98	5	531	....	531	406	125	....	145	26	171	4	38	4	....	46	1	\$ 8000 00	1	\$ 3000 00	\$ 825 00
2. Albemarle.....	1	80	4	580	1	581	515	66	....	120	3	123	6	43	8	....	57	7	5000 00	1	1700 00	210 00
3. Louisa.....	2	9	2	606	3	609	625	....	16	25	3	28	10	25	9	....	44	8	8200 00	1	2250 00	650 00
4. Scottsville.....	1	8	4	553	3	556	535	21	....	18	15	33	4	8	....	....	12	7	6000 00	1	—1000 00	500 00
5. Fluvanna.....	....	8	3	625	2	627	630	....	3	11	1	12	11	3	1	....	15	5	5000 00	1	1000 00	190 00
6. Milton Mission.....	....	54	13	236	....	236	161	75	....	76	....	76	1	....	....	....	1	1	1000 00	....	....	....
7. Batesville.....	....	77	20	495	3	498	426	72	....	95	10	105	11	20	....	....	33	5	5500 00	1	1200 00	275 00
8. Gordonsville and Orange	....	4	5	130	....	130	198	....	68	5	....	5	....	73	....	....	73	2	7000 00	....	....	50 00
9. Orange Circuit.....	1	22	5	317	....	317	298	19	....	28	8	36	7	10	....	....	17	4	2700 00	1	1000 00	150 00
10. Culpeper Circuit.....	....	49	3	434	....	434	388	46	....	68	17	85	9	25	5	....	39	5	4700 00	....	....	593 00
11. Culpeper Station .....	....	15	1	96	1	97	77	20	....	26	....	26	....	6	....	....	6	1	1700 00	....	....	....
12. Rappahannock	2	46	1	443	1	444	403	41	....	45	4	49	2	6	....	....	8	6	7500 00	1	1000 00	300 00
13. Madison.....	....	32	....	512	....	512	451	61	....	44	61	105	4	38	2	....	44	8	10000 00	1	1500 00	500 00
14. Greene.....	....	1	3	498	1	499	532	....	33	1	3	4	4	33	....	....	37	8	7000 00	1	800 00	130 00
15. West Goochland Mission	2	33	26	347	....	347	242	105	....	44	84	128	6	15	2	....	23	3	2000 00	....	....	250 00
16. Piedmont Mission.....	....	56	....	299	....	299	296	3	....	62	....	62	....	59	....	....	59	5	1550 00	....	....	....
Totals for 1887.....	10	592	95	6702	15	6717	6419	654	120	813	235	1048	79	402	31	....	514	76	82850 00	10	14450 00	4623 00
Totals for 1886.....	11	282	53	6404	15	6419	6268	151	....	381	400	781	79	511	38	2	630	77	88061 73	10	14250 00	4723 00
Increase.....	....	310	42	298	....	298	151	....	....	432	165	267	....	109	7	2	116	1	5211 73	....	....	200 00
Decrease.....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	100 00

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds.
Lynchburg District....	P. WHITEHEAD, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Centenary.....	H. C. Cheatham.....	25 75	168 00	168 00	1500 00	1500 00	.....	91 00	.....	82 25	26 00	45 20	.....
2. Court-Street.....	P. A. Peterson.....	.....	231 00	231 00	2200 00	2200 00	.....	930 44	87 41	1946 26	25 12	357 01	113 51
3. Memorial.....	John Hannon.....	.....	126 00	126 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	122 81	.....	369 37	.....	131 06	118 15
4. Trinity.....	.....	3 60	22 68	22 68	250 00	250 00	.....	15 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Madison & Danielstown.	Wm. A. Laughon.....	.....	40 56	40 56	405 00	405 00	.....	10 25	.....	8 50	.....	.....	34 87
6. Amherst.....	John T. Moore.....	12 00	73 13	69 21	639 87	610 92	32 87	21 25	.....	60 00	.....	.....	6 51
7. West Amherst.....	J. D. Southall.....	40 00	75 59	68 31	650 00	609 58	47 70	29 54	.....	59 07	.....	14 00	33 15
8. Mount Pleasant.....	Charles W. Cain.....	.....	67 06	45 08	550 00	369 70	202 28	15 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	16 00
9. Bedford.....	Robt. W. Watts.....	.....	89 25	82 07	783 00	725 31	64 87	20 00	.....	71 00	.....	3 00	69 04
10. West Bedford.....	John W. Howard.....	.....	52 50	52 50	346 00	346 00	.....	12 50	.....	12 50	.....	22 00	.....
11. Middle Bedford.....	J. W. Nicholson.....	.....	39 38	30 00	300 00	234 00	75 38	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 26
12. North Bedford.....	Oscar L. Martin.....	.....	31 50	32 06	750 00	255 79	.....	9 13	.....	9 12	.....	.....	2 74
13. Liberty.....	H. P. Mitchell.....	.....	73 00	73 00	700 00	700 00	.....	11 00	.....	14 02	.....	.....	.....
14. Bedford Springs.....	N. B. Foushee.....	.....	68 79	61 50	611 40	544 50	74 19	20 00	.....	35 00	.....	35 00	22 75
15. Nelson.....	R. B. Scott.....	.....	63 25	61 19	550 00	532 26	19 80	10 00	.....	21 19	.....	.....	.....
16. Appomattox.....	T. M. Beckham.....	.....	94 50	85 00	900 00	819 50	90 00	45 00	.....	100 50	.....	20 00	31 50
17. Campbell.....	William E. Payne.....	20 00	111 01	111 01	950 00	950 00	.....	50 00	.....	94 00	.....	32 00	.....
18. West Campbell.....	James E. Gates.....	.....	46 50	39 00	560 00	480 00	87 50	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	6 90	4 80
19. Prospect.....	Joseph E. Potts.....	12 75	89 25	75 50	850 00	734 70	129 05	35 15	.....	70 80	.....	.....	30 00
20. West Buckingham.....	J. W. Parrish.....	7 50	38 38	30 65	354 12	282 84	79 01	7 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	50
Totals for 1887.....		121 60	1601 33	1504 32	14549 39	13750 10	896 30	1490 62	87 41	3013 08	51 12	666 87	490 38
Totals for 1886.....		232 63	1765 26	1556 08	15063 67	13454 76	1818 09	1483 86	97 14	2620 64	31 50	411 84	389 20
Increase.....		111 05	163 93	51 76	514 28	295 34	6 76	392 44	19 62	255 03	101 18
Decrease.....		921 79	9 73

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.				DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds	
Danville District.....	CHAS. E. WATTS, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Main Street.....	Wm. G. Starr.....		300 00	300 00	2500 00	2500 00		200 00		230 00		165 00	175 00	
2. Floyd Street.....	Robt. B. Beadles.....		35 00	10 00	500 00	144 39	380 61						10 00	
3. Mount Vernon.....	J. E. Edwards.....		160 00	160 00	2100 00	2100 00		102 29		205 50		42 50	49 83	
4. North Danville.....	A. C. Bledsoe.....	43 30	126 00	126 00	1830 70	1830 70		30 00		60 00		40 95	45 15	
5. Charlotte.....	R. H. Potts.....	12 00	105 00	65 77	700 00	438 73	300 50	10 00		31 01			7 00	
6. Halifax	J. W. Tucker.....		110 00	69 76	700 00	493 22	247 02	10 00		20 00			75	
7. East Halifax.....	E. A. Gibbs.....		41 40	26 75	260 00	161 00	113 65	3 41		5 00				
8. South Boston.....	W. T. Green.....	10 00	115 00	103 10	825 00	755 15	81 75	42 00		90 57			22 00	
9. South of Dan.....	E. E. Harrell.....	10 00	100 00	66 45	550 00	372 49	211 06	22 00		38 26			1 82	
10. Chatham.....	N. H. Robertson.....	10 00	100 00	75 39	550 00	414 65	159 96	10 00		13 39				
11. Pittsylvania.....	W. R. Crowder.....		110 00	63 80	880 00	511 35	414 85	22 00		36 88			12 00	
12. North Pittsylvania.....	H. J. Brown.....		70 00	64 96	330 00	306 22	28 82	24 00		43 00		11 00		
13. Franklin.....	W. P. Jordan.....	14 00	110 00	92 52	600 00	512 64	104 84	29 25		66 10				
14. West Franklin Mission..	F. P. Duke		20 60	17 08	100 00	82 92	20 60	5 00		5 00			2 26	
15. East Franklin.....	W. G. Bates.....	22 50	90 00	66 85	500 00	337 47	185 68	6 00		11 00			4 00	
16. Martinsville	W. F. Davis.....		75 00	55 77	800 00	646 17	173 06	8 59		40 00			8 00	
17. Henry.....	J. L. Pribble.....		56 00	30 00	400 00	234 55	191 45	5 00		10 00				
18. Patrick.....	J. D. Forkner		56 00	36 00	275 00	177 28	117 72	10 51		14 80				
19. Patrick Mission	D. J. Traynham.....		20 00	9 67	180 00	87 07	103 26	5 00		1 50				
	Totals for 1887.....	121 80	1800 00	1439 87	14580 70	12106 00	2834 83	545 05		922 01		259 45	337 81	
	Totals for 1886	115 00	1585 97	1287 05	13441 65	11531 28	2209 29	496 50		657 13	12 00	233 96	349 56	
	Increase.....	6 80	214 03	152 82	1139 05	574 72	625 54	48 55		264 98		25 49		
	Decrease.....									12 06			11 75	

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PASTORAL CHARGES:	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds.
Farmville District.....	O. LITTLETON, P. E...	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Farmville.....	W. C. Vaden.....	80 56	105 00	105 00	1450 00	1450 00	.....	56 70	11 93	113 45	13 00	24 70	20 00
2. Prince Edward.....	W. E. Grant.....	.....	52 00	38 70	400 00	292 30	121 00	8 00	.....	12 00	.....	15 00	5 00
3. Burkeville.....	J. B. Askew.....	97	42 00	28 33	350 00	237 39	126 28	10 00	.....	19 26	.....	.....	.....
4. West Charlotte.....	Wm. Irby.....	1 31	.....	.....	325 00	180 00	145 00	16 73	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
5. Lunenburg.....	Thos. H. Boggs.....	54 00	108 00	98 19	800 00	736 29	73 52	43 00	.....	184 88	.....	42 48	25 45
6. West Lunenburg Miss...	J. C. Rosser.....	.....	.....	.....	270 00	273 00	.....	15 00	.....	6 72	.....	.....	8 00
7. Boydton.....	E. H. Rowe.....	8 03	57 00	57 00	437 50	437 50	.....	25 00	.....	54 60	.....	36 00	1 20
8. Chase City Circuit.....	J. E. McSparran.....	32 20	83 00	61 91	800 00	622 55	198 54	21 68	.....	35 00	.....	.....	14 50
9. Mecklenburg.....	J. M. Burton.....	9 44	84 00	84 00	650 00	650 00	.....	100 00	.....	226 60	.....	.....	34 50
10. North Mecklenburg....	R. H. Younger.....	.....	84 00	84 00	500 00	500 00	.....	20 00	.....	77 00	.....	.....	2 34
11. Brunswick.....	W. W. Lear.....	7 00	93 00	90 55	700 00	682 45	20 00	25 00	.....	85 42	3 39	.....	29 86
12. West Brunswick.....	N. J. Pruden.....	1 68	73 00	66 77	575 00	530 60	50 63	63 28	.....	137 51	.....	.....	11 01
13. South Brunswick.....	R. B. Blankenship....	36 53	110 00	106 36	650 00	630 14	23 50	51 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....
14. Nottoway.....	J. E. Deshazo.....	.....	115 00	100 25	950 00	850 58	114 17	100 00	.....	126 42	.....	.....	34 57
15. Amelia.....	W. O. Waggener.....	.....	105 00	93 00	900 00	832 00	80 00	30 00	.....	115 00	.....	.....	51 00
16. Cumberland.....	W. R. Smithey.....	2 00	98 00	87 34	700 00	621 83	.....	38 51	.....	38 51	.....	.....	.....
17. Cartersville.....	A. B. Warwick.....	27 00	73 00	50 00	700 00	419 12	.....	20 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	4 15
18. Buckingham.....	J. M. Campbell.....	41 94	50 00	34 10	444 21	311 35	.....	15 70	.....	15 70	.....	.....	6 00
Totals for 1887.....		302 66	1332 00	1185 50	11601 71	10257 10	1491 11	659 60	11 93	1347 47	16 39	118 18	247 58
Totals for 1886.....		88 20	1301 00	1176 28	10910 95	9910 59	1125 08	619 57	14 46	1337 04	25 37	109 33	253 42
Increase.....		214 46	31 00	9 22	690 76	346 51	366 03	40 03	10 43	8 83
Decrease.....		2 53	8 98	6 84

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PETERSBURG DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

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PETERSBURG DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.				MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.												CHURCH PROPERTY.				Value of all other Church Property.					
		Adults.		Infants.		MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year		Total Members Reported Last Year		Net Increase.		Net Decrease.		COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.				CHURCHES.		PARSONAGES.					
		White.	Colored.																	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
1. Washington Street.....	20	13	534	534	505	29	66	40	106	12	58	7	12	5	5	15	32	9	10	1	\$ 25000 00	1 \$ 5000 00	\$ 3000 00	
2. Market Street.....	2	9	12	362	362	360	2	10	2	12	5	5	7	5	5	5	10	1	20000 00	1 3000 00	3000 00	
3. High Street.....	1	49	8	430	430	372	58	101	13	114	15	32	9	56	12000 00	1 3000 00	1000 00	1	12000 00	1 3000 00	1000 00
4. Wesley.....	.....	5	215	215	214	214	214	1	....	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5500 00	1 1300 00	1000 00
5. Blandford	1	4	....	90	....	90	83	7	....	7	2	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000 00	1 1300 00	300 00
6. West End Mission.....	50	8	89	89	89	77	21	98	4	2	3	9	9	9	1	1300 00	1 1000 00	300 00	1	1000 00	1 1000 00	225 00
7. Ettrick.....	1	39	8	272	....	272	220	52	....	70	5	75	3	12	8	....	23	1	1000 00	1 1000 00	225 00	1	1000 00	1 1000 00	225 00
8. Matoaca	10	186	186	174	12	18	2	20	1	1	1	6	8	8	1	1624 50	1 1000 00	300 00	1	1624 50	1 1000 00	300 00	
9. Chesterfield.....	2	11	6	558	....	558	552	6	....	20	3	23	5	12	....	....	17	9	6000 00	1 1000 00	500 00	1	6000 00	1 1000 00	500 00
10. Coalfield.....	.....	5	230	....	230	273	....	43	5	....	5	5	43	....	....	48	6	4300 00	1 1000 00	225 00	1	4300 00	1 1000 00	225 00	
11. Powhatan Mission.....	1	.....	70	....	70	69	1	....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1600 00	1 1000 00	50 00	1	1600 00	1 1000 00	50 00
12. West Dinwiddie.....	1	16	19	405	....	405	351	54	....	49	17	56	6	6	6	....	12	6	5100 00	1 1000 00	100 00	1	5100 00	1 1000 00	100 00
13. Dinwiddie.....	1	29	12	494	....	494	451	43	....	54	1	55	3	7	2	....	12	7	3000 00	1 1200 00	600 00	1	3000 00	1 1200 00	600 00
14. East Dinwiddie.....	2	16	3	389	....	389	374	15	....	38	5	43	9	17	2	....	28	7	3600 00	1 1200 00	600 00	1	3600 00	1 1200 00	600 00
15. Sussex.....	1	10	8	407	1	408	379	29	....	35	7	42	5	7	1	....	13	7	5800 00	1 1000 00	200 00	1	5800 00	1 1000 00	200 00
16. Hicksford.....	.....	7	9	256	....	256	254	2	....	10	13	23	2	9	10	....	21	4	2300 00	1 1000 00	135 00	1	2300 00	1 1000 00	135 00
17. Prince George.....	1	31	6	427	....	427	379	48	....	60	7	67	7	11	1	....	19	7	6800 00	1 1200 00	402 00	1	6800 00	1 1200 00	402 00
18. Surry.....	.....	14	1	274	....	274	269	5	....	19	2	21	5	11	....	....	16	3	3500 00	1 1000 00	350 00	1	3500 00	1 1000 00	350 00
19. Wakefield.....	1	11	2	207	....	207	195	12	....	17	7	24	3	9	....	....	12	5	5200 00	1 900 00	....	1	5200 00	1 900 00	....	
20. Isle of Wight.....	1	26	6	397	....	397	361	36	....	37	5	42	2	3	1	....	6	5	5000 00	1 1800 00	200 00	1	5000 00	1 1800 00	200 00
Totals for 1887.....	16	352	131	6292	1	6293	5835	501	43	696	156	852	92	250	49	3	394	76	120624 50	11 20100 00	11587 00	1	120624 50	11 20100 00	11587 00		
Totals for 1886.....	14	216	97	5833	2	5835	5393	442	....	432	229	661	79	224	50	....	353	77	120474 50	11 18200 00	9210 00	1	120474 50	11 18200 00	9210 00
Increase.....	2	136	34	459	1	458	264	191	13	26	1	3	41	1	150 00	1 1900 00	2377 00	1	150 00	1 1900 00	2377 00		
Decrease.....	73	1	1	1		

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds.
Norfolk District.....	Wm. E. JUDKINS, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Cumberland Street.....	A. G. Brown.....	225 00	225 00	2000 00	2000 00	.....	.....	237 83	.....	250 00	.....	97 98	78 74
2. Centenary	J. A. Duncan.....	20 00	20 00	550 00	550 00	.....	.....	21 75	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
3. Granby Street.....	W. V. Tudor.....	280 00	280 00	3000 00	3000 00	.....	.....	207 00	50 00	758 00	50 00	253 31	87 00
4. Asbury.....	Jacob Manning.....	11 38	25 00	25 00	700 00	700 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	8 35
5. McKendree.....	Wm. McGee.....	30 00	30 00	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	40 00	.....	20 00	50 00
6. Queen Street.....	J. S. Hunter.....	45 00	70 00	70 00	1440 00	1440 00	.....	36 32	.....	79 98	25 00	.....	45 00
7. Chestnut Street.....	B. F. Lipscomb.....	60 00	60 00	1200 00	1209 39	.....	.....	30 00	.....	50 00	.....	12 50	33 64
8. Monumental.....	J. D. Blackwell and J. W. Howell.....	235 00	235 00	2250 00	2250 50	.....	.....	177 66	.....	177 66	.....	59 10	42 39
9. Central.....	F. M. Edwards.....	70 00	70 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	110 00	.....	.....	15 81
10. Wright Memorial.....	W. H. Atwill.....	55 00	55 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	.....	30 00	10 00	45 00	12 00	.....	.....
11. Churchland.....	D. P. Wills.....	35 00	35 00	915 00	915 00	.....	.....	21 00	.....	114 00	13 50	.....	.....
12. Norfolk Circuit.....	D. M. Wallace.....	54 40	85 00	85 00	800 00	800 00	.....	30 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	26 03
13. East Norfolk.....	J. D. Hank.....	135 00	135 00	1250 00	1250 00	.....	.....	35 30	.....	100 00	.....	.....	35 44
14. South Norfolk.....	T. J. Taylor.....	140 00	140 00	1100 00	1100 00	.....	.....	53 00	.....	185 63	.....	.....	72 45
15. Princess Anne.....	D. G. C. Butts.....	215 00	215 00	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	95 00	.....	125 00	.....	13 35	49 81
16. Currituck.....	J. T. Routten.....	1 20	100 00	93 43	760 00	713 07	53 50	20 00	.....	24 00	.....	.....	30 00
17. Hampton.....	E. P. Wilson.....	2 50	75 00	75 00	1000 00	1000 00	.....	30 00	26 00	40 00	90 91	10 00	10 62
18. Oaklette and Bethel.....	G. H. McFaden.....	35 00	35 00	580 00	580 00	.....	.....	12 25	.....	24 25	.....	.....	10 00
19. Smithfield and Benns.....	T. McN. Simpson.....	90 00	90 00	925 00	996 20	.....	.....	50 00	.....	103 00	.....	6 07	57 58
20. Fox Hill.....	R. O. Payne.....	20 00	20 00	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	32 65	.....	.....	17 52
	Totals for 1887.....	114 48	2000 00	1993 43	23320 00	23353 66	.....	1145 11	86 00	2294 12	191 41	472 31	670 38
	Totals for 1886.....	162 78	2200 00	2174 71	21984 44	21791 87	217 86	690 54	47 06	1586 63	344 98	409 50	705 53
	Increase.....	48 30	200 00	181 28	1335 56	1561 79	217 86	454 57	38 94	707 49	62 81
	Decrease.....										153 52	35 15

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NORFOLK DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.						MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'l's.	Raised by W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds
Randolph-Macon Dist.	GEO. H. RAY, P. E.	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
1. Ashland.....	L. B. Betty.....	25 00	105 00	105 00	750 00	750 00	.....	51 00	5 00	136 14	5 00	58 96	36 75
2. Hanover.....	M. S. Colonna.....	52 50	100 00	100 00	800 00	800 00	.....	22 50	.....	53 00	7 50	26 41	39 55
3. Goochland.....	M. D. Mower.....	50 00	43 56	315 00	280 89	40 55	15 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	33 52
4. West Hanover.....	B. P. Warwick.....	50 00	43 21	300 00	266 50	40 29	16 00	.....	9 50	.....	3 00	5 00	.....
5. South Hanover.....	Ernest Stevens.....	35 00	33 42	300 00	286 92	14 66	18 00	.....	33 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Spottsylvania.....	J. T. Payne.....	50 00	45 00	450 00	405 00	50 00	20 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. King William.....	C. H. Green.....	1 50	65 00	63 60	400 00	391 40	10 00	31 40	.....	59 40	.....	.....	42 27
8. King and Queen.....	W. A. Crocker.....	7 25	90 00	68 87	600 00	459 13	162 00	18 17	.....	34 56	.....	.....	32 00
9. East King and Queen..	S. L. Thrift.....	50 00	50 00	300 00	302 28	.....	11 23	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	22 21
10. Caroline.....	R. E. Barrett.....	5 50	60 00	54 60	400 00	364 03	41 37	9 00	.....	18 00	.....	26 00	8 50
11. Bowling Green.....	C. H. Boggs.....	.....	50 00	47 93	510 00	491 75	20 32	10 00	10 00	25 00	15 90	.....	12 00
12. Essex.....	W. G. Boggs.....	.....	60 00	51 75	340 00	300 00	48 25	12 00	.....	23 50	.....	.....	.....
13. Middlesex.....	J. H. Dalby.....	2 00	90 00	90 00	700 00	700 00	.....	30 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	11 89
14. King George.....	J. F. Brannin.....	7 25	90 00	90 00	606 00	617 09	.....	13 96	.....	41 87	.....	28 80	42 20
15. Montross.....	E. P. Parham.....	3 38	55 00	52 65	300 00	286 47	15 88	12 25	.....	23 45	.....	17 83	16 00
16. Westmoreland.....	W. F. Robins.....	45 00	110 00	101 20	770 00	708 43	70 37	37 30	.....	66 73	39 23	3 00	25 71
17. Heathsville.....	W. H. Edwards.....	1 50	60 00	60 00	675 00	675 00	.....	29 00	.....	70 10	.....	18 00	4 30
18. Bethany Station.....	J. T. Mastin.....	2 25	95 00	95 00	750 00	750 00	.....	27 50	.....	58 00	.....	26 00	12 20
19. Lancaster.....	J. B. DeBerry.....	5 50	120 00	120 00	780 00	784 94	.....	58 00	.....	150 00	.....	19 25	58 47
20. West Lancaster.....	W. A. Tompkins.....	12 32	65 00	54 02	340 00	298 81	52 17	11 78	.....	37 59	.....	5 10	10 34
Totals for 1887.....		170 95	1450 00	1369 81	10386 00	9918 64	547 55	454 09	15 00	945 14	67 63	232 35	412 91
Totals for 1886.....		191 65	1451 89	1318 59	10316 39	9253 26	1196 49	488 83	13 00	717 78	92 70	191 01	452 61
Increase.....		20 70	1 89	51 22	69 61	665 38	648 94	34 74	2 00	227 36	41 34
Decrease.....		25 07	39 7

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RANDOLPH-MACON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

RANDOLPH-MACON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.												CHURCH PROPERTY.						
			Adults.	Infants.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	Profession of Faith.	GAINS	Certified otherwise.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Removals.	Withdrawals	Expulsions.	Total Losses.	CHURCHES.	PARSONAGES.	Value of all other Church Property.	
1. Ashland.....	10	9	3	206	....	206	193	13	....	18	37	55	1	39	2	....	42	1	5000 00	1	\$ 1800 00	\$.....
2. Hanover.....	1	13	1	353	....	353	320	33	....	19	19	38	2	3	....	5	5	6000 00	1	1500 00	400 00	
3. Goochland.....	1	37	6	285	....	285	268	17	....	61	9	70	2	44	7	....	53	4	3100 00	1	1200 00	250 00
4. West Hanover.....	20	....	812	1	313	286	27	....	31	1	32	2	2	1	....	5	4	3000 00	....	....	150 00	
5. South Hanover.....	20	....	220	....	220	161	59	....	37	35	72	4	9	....	13	5	2500 00	....	....	....
6. Spottsylvania.....	1	29	2	353	....	353	328	25	....	39	6	45	1	19	....	20	6	5700 00	1	1200 00	500 00	
7. King William.....	19	6	282	2	284	254	30	....	34	5	39	2	4	2	1	9	3	3000 00	....	....	125 00	
8. King and Queen.....	2	3	1	537	....	537	544	....	7	7	4	11	5	12	1	....	18	5	6800 00	1	400 00	175 00
9. East King and Queen...	1	6	10	256	....	256	249	7	....	15	....	15	2	4	2	....	8	3	2450 00	....	....	125 00
10. Caroline.....	....	1	365	....	365	365	....	....	....	7	....	7	3	4	....	7	4	6400 00	....	....	100 00	
11. Bowling Green.....	12	4	222	....	222	345	....	123	32	2	....	34	1	155	1	....	157	3	5300 00	....	....	300 00
12. Essex.....	1	13	....	361	....	361	248	113	....	17	114	131	6	9	3	....	18	4	3050 00	....	....	....
13. Middlesex.....	45	4	354	....	354	313	41	....	81	3	84	10	21	3	9	43	5	10000 00	1	1300 00	150 00	
14. King George.....	67	7	476	....	476	367	109	....	106	28	134	8	15	2	....	25	5	7200 00	1	1200 00	250 00	
15. Montross.....	27	2	350	....	350	311	39	....	48	....	48	3	3	3	....	9	4	1700 00	....	....	225 00	
16. Westmoreland.....	2	46	12	496	1	497	431	66	....	105	2	107	19	....	21	1	41	5	6700 00	1	1000 00	250 00
17. Heathsville.....	1	19	8	433	1	434	416	18	....	28	2	30	7	....	5	....	12	4	8000 00	1	1800 00	500 00
18. Bethany Station.....	27	4	293	....	293	270	23	....	33	2	35	3	4	5	....	12	1	3500 00	1	2000 00	200 00	
19. Lancaster.....	3	13	15	450	....	450	419	31	....	34	6	40	1	7	1	....	9	3	6300 00	1	1800 00	2000 00
20. West Lancaster.....	....	19	11	296	....	296	314	....	18	30	....	30	8	9	31	....	48	4	3650 00	....	....	100 00
Totals for 1887.....	23	444	97	6900	5	6905	6402	651	148	775	282	1057	90	363	90	11	554	78	99350 00	11	15200 00	5800 00	
Totals for 1886.....	16	310	54	6398	4	6402	6335	67	....	501	407	908	91	473	55	1	620	75	94500 00	11	16100 00	3618 00
Increase.....	7	134	43	502	1	503	67	274	149	1	110	35	10	66	3	4850 00	2182 00
Decrease.....	125	1	900 00

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GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.						SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND		EDUCATIONAL FUND.		CHURCH EXTE- N- SION FUND.		Sunday School Purposes.		Building and Repairing Churches		Children's Day.		Bible Society.		Whole amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	\$ The Average per Member.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	\$	\$ 700 00	\$	\$	\$ 300 00	\$ 2092 02	\$ 5 43	5	73	275	.......	700		
1. Eastville.....	\$ 61 96	\$ 61 96	\$ 12 40	\$ 12 40	\$ 21 00	\$	\$ 29 49	\$	\$	\$ 700 00	\$	\$	\$ 300 00	\$ 2092 02	\$ 5 43	5	73	275	.......	700		
2. Cobb's Island Mission...	19 42	.....	3 49	....	6 72	.....	9 22	.....	4 00	50 00	.....	.....	20 00	185 00	9 25	2	9	48	4	225
3. Belle Haven.....	35 96	35 96	7 20	7 20	12 58	12 58	17 11	17 11	198 24	1279 70	.....	.....	81 36	2597 47	7 20	4	63	420	7	250	
4. Pungoteague.....	77 76	77 76	15 57	15 57	27 24	27 24	37 03	37 03	161 51	663 84	4 85	.....	366 38	2821 88	3 59	5	74	436	40	750		
5. Onancock.....	68 66	70 00	13 74	14 00	24 03	25 00	32 67	33 00	192 00	1103 50	31 50	.....	155 00	3338 93	6 68	3	57	511	5	650		
6. Conquest and Guilford..	45 66	41 66	9 14	9 14	16 90	13 90	21 71	21 71	98 29	1075 16	8 57	.....	68 10	2266 79	4 12	3	46	412	39	208		
7. Atlantic.....	49 23	30 00	9 84	8 00	16 30	6 00	23 43	8 00	78 50	100 00	8 00	....	81 00	1257 55	3 09	4	61	359	19	534		
8. Wicomico.....	35 01	4 27	7 00	7 00	12 25	4 27	16 65	5 53	30 00	342 98	2 37	....	39 25	880 85	3 45	3	20	198	2	500		
9. Salisbury.....	53 96	52 00	10 79	4 00	18 88	5 00	25 66	6 00	21 44	5 14	2 68	2 25	461 07	1850 97	23 73	1	11	84	....	367		
10. Berlin	28 71	4 00	5 74	2 00	10 05	2 00	13 65	2 00	50 00	110 00	10 00	....	.....	668 61	2 61	5	32	278	10	425	
11. Dorchester.....	63 15	42 00	12 62	10 00	22 11	20 00	30 03	22 00	47 79	32 25	1 00	....	113 64	1491 21	3 02	4	55	179	10	250		
12. Hooper's Island.....	14 01	3 00	2 80	1 71	4 91	1 50	6 66	1 50	33 90	.....	.....	.....	23 39	370 00	2 82	2	20	160	8	....		
13. Cambridge.....	42 94	42 94	8 55	8 58	15 03	15 03	20 42	....	65 10	528 00	2 70	....	174 00	1898 01	12 01	1	23	129	8	150	
14. Dorset.....	16 81	6 75	3 36	1 25	5 89	1 50	7 99	2 50	25 00	.....	5 00	....	104 00	519 00	2 52	5	44	182	37	90	
15. Drummondtown.....	14 23	14 23	2 85	2 85	4 98	4 98	6 78	6 78	82 79	140 00	2 00	....	50 00	634 18	4 12	3	35	162	10	220		
16. York.....	51 34	51 34	10 26	10 26	17 97	17 97	24 42	24 42	625 00	95 50	12 70	10 80	193 21	2261 86	2 68	5	94	512	....	590		
17. Newport News Mission.	28 00	1 00	5 60	1 00	9 80	.....	13 32	1 00	.....	1400 00	.....	.....	114 70	2086 70	57 96	....	....	....	....	....
Totals for 1887.....	700 00	538 87	140 00	114 96	245 00	156 97	333 00	188 58	1713 56	7626 07	91 39	13 05	2345 10	27221 03	4 93	55	717	4345	199	5809			
Totals for 1886.....	900 00	481 83	162 00	97 56	315 00	155 15	427 00	173 97	1176 64	8771 97	.....	.....	1347 48	23810 69	5 18	47	611	3859	223	5389	
Increase.....	57 04	17 40	1 82	14 61	536 92	91 39	13 05	997 62	3410 34	8	106	486	24	420			
Decrease.....	2 00	22 00	70 00	94 00	1145 90	25			

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EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

RECAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.							MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.							
		TRAVELING EXPENSES.	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR.			Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.			
			Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.				Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'l's.	Raised b y W. M. S.	Raised by R. Buds.
1. Richmond	J. Powell Garland....	\$ 204 43	\$ 1888 05	\$ 1849 03	\$ 20400 00	\$ 20151 66	\$ 287 36	\$883 70	\$ 16 25	\$1276 29	\$ 78 22	\$ 446 72	\$ 512 46			
2. Charlottesville.....	James O. Moss.....	138 44	1450 72	1314 72	9737 48	8946 71	926 77	357 03	13 55	536 40	8 11	50 25	160 31			
3. Lynchburg.....	Paul Whitehead.....	121 60	1601 33	1504 32	14549 39	13750 10	896 30	1490 62	87 41	3013 08	51 12	666 87	490 38			
4. Danville.....	Chas. E. Watts.....	121 80	1800 00	1439 87	14580 70	12106 00	2834 83	545 05	.....	922 01	.....	259 45	337 81			
5. Farmville.....	Oscar Littleton	302 66	1332 00	1185 50	11601 71	10257 10	1491 11	659 60	11 93	1347 47	16 39	118 18	247 58			
6. Petersburg.....	L. S. Reed.....	169 35	1300 00	1250 91	15140 18	14726 17	463 10	878 96	124 60	1530 66	132 11	365 09	388 39			
7. Murfreesboro.....	J. A. Proctor.....	135 53	1252 50	1195 19	13497 50	13211 21	343 60	645 00	.....	901 46	36 38	153 90	354 69			
8. Norfolk.....	Wm. E. Judkins.....	114 48	2000 00	1993 43	23320 00	23353 66	.....	1145 11	86 00	2294 12	191 41	472 31	670 38			
9. Randolph-Macon	Geo. H. Ray.....	170 95	1450 00	1369 81	10386 00	9918 64	547 55	454 69	15 00	945 14	67 63	232 35	412 91			
10. Eastern Shore.....	J. H. Amiss	257 47	1497 99	1454 17	11105 00	10869 20	279 62	470 28	18 62	901 62	30 00	135 38	295 74			
	Totals for 1887.....	1736 71	15572 59	14556 95	144317 96	137290 45	8070 24	7529 44	373 36	13668 25	611 37	2900 50	3870 65			
	Totals for 1886.....	1385 74	15664 80	14303 41	140635 45	129878 15	12118 69	6689 63	362 30	11383 83	758 03	2337 53	3854 12			
	Increase.....	351 97	253 54	3682 51	7412 30	839 81	11 06	2274 42	562 97	16 53			
	Decrease.....	92 21	4048 45	146 66			

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RECAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

REGAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

Names of Districts.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.										CHURCH PROPERTY.								
		Adults.	Infants.	MEMBERS.		Total Mem- bers Reported Last Year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.						CHURCHES.	PARSONAGES.	Value of all other Church Property.					
				White.	Colored.				GAINS.	Losses.	Deaths.	Re- movals	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals	With- drawals	Expul- sions.			
1. Richmond.....	13	321	204	7870	9	7879	7610	269	728	288	1016	118	560	68	1	747	44	\$ 298267 00	6 \$ 9950 00	\$ 21640 16		
2. Charlottesville.....	10	592	95	6702	15	6717	6419	298	813	235	1048	79	404	31	....	514	76	\$ 2850 00	10	14450 00	4623 00
3. Lynchburg.....	18	417	111	8363	6	8369	8341	28	794	289	1080	106	627	30	4	767	93	158500 00	12	26050 00	10910 00	
4. Danville.....	17	427	67	5917	14	5931	5751	180	567	290	857	64	554	48	11	677	66	139700 00	7	17750 00	9125 00	
5. Farmville.....	13	218	108	6733	15	6748	6707	41	344	72	416	93	544	23	...	660	87	86810 00	13	18050 00	4865 00	
6. Petersburg.....	16	352	131	6292	4	6293	5835	458	696	156	852	92	250	49	3	394	76	120624 50	11	20100 00	11587 00	
7. Murfreesboro.....	17	409	146	7782	....	7782	7484	298	641	114	755	121	273	60	3	457	84	120785 00	13	21100 00	14905 00
8. Norfolk.....	18	268	263	7457	7457	7571	414	660	288	948	106	370	84	7	567	51	210850 00	13	37050 00	24750 00
9. Randolph-Macon.....	23	444	97	6900	5	6905	6402	503	775	282	1057	90	363	90	11	554	78	99350 00	11	15200 00	5800 00
10. Eastern Shore.....	12	207	260	5521	1	5522	4595	927	608	337	945	103	623	58	29	813	56	106950 00	9	16500 00	3052 00
Totals for 1887.....	157	3655	1482	69237	66	69303	66715	2508	6623	2351	8974	972	4568	541	69	6150	711	1424686 50	105	196200 00	111257 16
Totals for 1886.....	140	3025	1331	66647	68	66715	64064	2654	5461	3116	8577	861	3778	587	36	5262	700	1365498 23	102	186925 00	93783 50
Increase.....	17	630	151	2590	...	2588	2651	1162	397	111	790	33	888	11	59488 27	3	9275 00	17473 66
Decrease.....					2					765					46							

VII.

Memirs.**Rev. BENJAMIN M. WILLIAMS.**

BY REV. THOMAS S. CAMPBELL.

(Of the North Carolina Conference.)

Rev. BENJAMIN M. WILLIAMS was born in Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 21, 1820, and brought up under religious influences. In 1838 he professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church under Rev. Edward Wadsworth, D. D. He was steadfast in his profession, consistent in his life, devout in his religion. He had a good academic education, and was admitted on trial by the North Carolina Conference in 1842; ordained deacon by Bishop Soule in 1844; and elder by Bishop Capers in 1846. He was a preacher of considerable ability; highly esteemed by his brethren; popular and useful wherever he labored. By the transfer of Danville District to the Virginia Conference in 1858 he was made a member of that body. Before this he had been subject to epilepsy of great severity, which disqualified him for the itinerant work. After his transfer he was unable to serve the Church on account of his affliction, and was known only as a superannuated preacher. In 1845 he was happily married to Miss Caroline Van Hook, of Person county, N. C., a most estimable lady, who was indeed a helpmeet for him in his work and in his affliction. She, with seven children, survives him, weighed down with infirmity and sorrow. In 1859, seeing no hope of regaining his health, he removed to Texas. At the time of his death he had his home in Grayson county, where he died November 28, 1886. He was employed one or two years as a supply in Texas, but having been partially paralyzed, he was compelled to remain at home. One who knew him well in Texas says: "He was a man of great moral

influence. Meet him when you might, there was always sunshine about him. He was very much respected and loved by his neighbors. He was a good man who has passed from earth to heaven leaving many warm friends to mourn his loss."

It should be added he was refined in manners, simple and childlike in spirit, pure in speech, magnetic in conversation. Great is our loss in the death of such a man, but another is added to the redeemed host.

Rev. EDGAR HERNDON PRITCHETT.

BY REV. J. CARSON WATSON.

EDGAR HERNDON PRITCHETT was born at Stanardsville in Orange (now Greene) county, Va., September 4, 1828, and was the son of Mr. Robert Pritchett. His mother was the daughter of Captain Alexander Hunton, of Madison county. Brother Pritchett made a profession of religion in his native place in 1856, and connected himself with the Methodist Church, South, under the ministry of the Rev. D. J. C. Slaughter, then in charge of Madison circuit. Realizing that it was his duty to declare the glad tidings of salvation, he applied for a license as a local preacher, which was granted him by the Quarterly Conference at Madison Courthouse, October 1, 1857. He was received on trial as a traveling preacher by the Virginia Annual Conference, at Lynchburg, November 17, 1859, with a class of twenty others. Though not thrown with him to a great extent, yet, we being classmates, I was permitted to know him quite well. After commencing his ministerial career he was harassed by doubts as to his call to the sacred office. In furnishing data for Dr. Lafferty's "Sketches of the Virginia Conference," in 1880, he explains how his doubts were removed in his first year. "This was a blessed year to me. All my fears in regard to my call to the ministry by the great Head of the Church happily vanished before the spiritual experience it was my blessed privilege richly to enjoy; and the large number of converts during the year confirmed me in the conviction that the Lord God called me to the work."

In 1861, having been received into membership by the Conference, he was elected deacon, to which office he was ordained by Bishop James O. Andrew; and in 1863 he was graduated to the office of elder, receiving ordination at the hands of Bishop George F. Pierce. From his first appointment as junior preacher on Nelson circuit through the succeeding years, including his last charge, the signs of an apostle were seen in him. Great success

attended his ministry. In every charge extensive revivals attested his commission ; and the material interests of the Church were also faithfully attended to by him.

In 1867, after having served Culpeper circuit efficiently for four years, his health became so feeble as to require a change. He received the appointment of agent for the Virginia Bible Society for the Northeastern District of the State. At the end of a year, however, his health was sufficiently restored to justify his return to the itinerant ranks, and at the next session he went again into the regular work, and was sent to Bedford circuit, where, during his four years' service, churches were built and repaired and there were about 525 converts. After this, in Campbell, Louisa, and other charges, the Lord continued to bless his labors abundantly.

In the fall of 1885, when he was appointed to Eastville circuit, he was in rather feeble health, seemingly suffering from malaria, which in August developed into an affection resembling chronic disease of the bowels. Notwithstanding this he kept at his work until near the approach of Conference. As to his last labors, I quote from a letter from Rev. Henry Hunt, local preacher in Eastville circuit : "He closed his life with a glorious revival ; went from the meeting to his sick-bed, and was hopeful to the last few days. Indeed, I never knew one to make a braver fight for life. He would not admit that his health was failing. He closed his busy life on the 8th of December, 1886." Of his last meeting at Capeville his Presiding Elder, Rev. J. H. Amiss, wrote me : "The community will never forget that meeting. A number of the first people in the neighborhood were brought into the Church. It may be truly said, 'He died at his post.' "

Brother Pritchett's gentlemanly deportment, his kindly spirit evinced towards everybody with whom he came in contact, his interest in young people, his respect for the aged, and his sympathy for the distressed and afflicted, made him a favorite on Eastville circuit, as he had been on other charges. Though he was somewhat embarrassed in his financial affairs, had serious and long-continued affliction in his family, and suffered severely himself, yet he did not become moody and sour. To the last he was the same bright, cheerful spirit, seeking to scatter sunshine wherever he went. He enjoyed most pleasant domestic relations ; was tender and affectionate towards his wife and five children, and they cordially reciprocated his love. "I heard a voice from Heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Rev. JAMES DRYBOROUGH LUMSDEN.

BY REV. PETER A. PETERSON, D. D.

In an autobiographical sketch furnished several years ago by himself for the Conference archives, Brother Lumsden says: "I was born in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, November 3, 1811. My father was reared a Quaker and my mother a Baptist. They came to this country in 1817 and settled in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in 1818 removed to the city of Richmond, Va. When about ten years of age I became deeply interested on the subject of religion, but my friends believed I was too young to be a Christian, and hence I did not make much progress. At twelve years of age [his father having died] I was apprenticed to a gunsmith. Two years after this my employer died, and I was then sent to a grammar school, where I remained two months, and then resumed my trade in Petersburg, Va. Here I became acquainted with "Mother Wolff's" family and with her son-in-law, George Williamson, of precious memory. From them I first learned what Methodism was, and through their instrumentality I was converted and brought into the Church under the ministry of Rev. William Hammett. Brother Williamson was my first class-leader. How much I owe to Sister Wolff's family I can never tell. They were my first and best Christian friends. Soon after my conversion I was impressed with the conviction that it was my duty to preach. I was licensed to exhort in 1831, and in 1832, having removed to Richmond, I was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Trinity Church."

In May, 1832, Brother Lumsden married Miss Susan P. Andrews, of Petersburg, a devotedly pious lady, who died in holy triumph April 30, 1836, and in her last moments earnestly urged her husband to follow out his early conviction by giving himself wholly to the work of the ministry in the Methodist itinerancy. This tender and touching appeal of his dying wife brought him to an immediate and final decision; and he commenced to travel under the Presiding Elder, Rev. Hezekiah G. Leigh, by whom he was employed until January, 1838, when he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection by the North Carolina Conference at the session held that year in Greensboro'. He remained in that Conference until 1852, when, desiring to be near his aged mother, who resided in Petersburg, he obtained a transfer to the Virginia Conference.

As clearly implied in his own statement already quoted, he had scarcely any early educational advantages, and this perhaps accounts for his seeming disregard for a time of what he recognized as a direct Divine call to the regular ministry. But he possessed an active and vigorous mind, and from childhood was steady and industrious, and that he turned his leisure time to good account,

and made the best of the few opportunities afforded for reading and study in his secular calling, may be gathered from the fact that when he had concluded to enter the itinerancy and proposed to spend a time at Randolph-Macon College the better to prepare himself therefor, that wise man and judicious counsellor, Rev. Hezekiah G. Leigh, considered him sufficiently equipped to go at once into the field, and advised him accordingly.

Brother Lumsden was an itinerant minister full fifty years, and throughout that long period, excepting the last eight months of his life, when prostrated by sickness, he was effective and efficient. Few men have wrought more successfully, none more faithfully, laboriously and cheerfully. We do not exaggerate in saying he was instrumental in the conversion of thousands. He was truly a man of one work. All his cares and studies he drew that way, and appeared to be one of those who heed the exhortation contained in the form for the ordination of elders in our Church, "to be a messenger, a watchman, a steward of the Lord; to preach, to premonish, to provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep dispersed abroad and for his children who are in the midst of the evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever."

His second wife, to whom he was married in 1840, was Mrs. Elmira H. Brandon, of Rowan county, N. C., a godly woman, who for thirty-five years passed with him under the lights and shadows of the itinerancy, and died in great peace in 1875. His last wife was Miss Sa lie Sykes, of Northampton county, N. C., a most excellent Christian and a dutiful wife. She, with his children by the second marriage—Mrs. Susan A. Jones, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Hattie C. Rudd, of Hampton, Va.; Dr. William J. Lumsden, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Charles H. Lumsden, of Lynchburg, Va.,—survive, sorrowing for the loss of a beloved husband and father.

In October, 1886, gradually growing worse, it was deemed advisable that he should be removed from the parsonage in West Bedford to the city of Petersburg. By God's mercy his illness, though protracted, was painless. The tedium of his confinement was relieved and himself refreshed by tidings from the field and by letters of condolence and sympathy and visits from his brethren and friends. The presence and tender ministries of a faithful wife, devoted sons and daughters, and of two orphan children he was caring for and educating, brightened his sick chamber and softened his bed of languishing. But more and better than all beside, he had the abiding presence of the Divine Friend and Comforter; the Lord of Hosts was with him. On the night of January 20, 1887, while family and friends, with tearful eyes, watched by his couch, he fell asleep in Jesus. In old Blandford Cemetery at Petersburg, whither he had been pre-

ceded but a few months by two honored and beloved Christian brothers, William and Charles Lumsden, his remains were laid to rest "till the last trumpet's joyful sound."

Rev. JOHN WESLEY HOWARD.

BY W. W. BERRY, ESQ.

To write a just and true sketch of the life of a man, to describe him as he thought and lived and moved among his fellows like all other men, but differing from each and all of them, would be a very difficult, if not an impossible, task.

I cannot in the brief compass of a memoir of the dear man of God, who was my friend for thirty years, attempt any ambitious task in this mere sketch of the man and minister as I knew him. It is easy to write words of eulogy, too often exaggerated, of those we love. It seems still easier to write a meagre sketch of mere events in the life of an itinerant preacher—to record his birth, his conversion, his call to the ministry, his appointments, his measure of success as seen by men, and his death, peaceful, as he leans in loving trust upon the bosom of his Saviour and breathes out sweetly there his tired life, or, as it is given to some to die, sublimely triumphant, as the soul, loosening from the fetters which hold it to earth, catches a breath of the atmosphere of Heaven, faith brightens into actual vision, and he sees Jesus, while yet the spirit lingers in the dying body.

Filled in with names and dates and such outline would be a memoir of almost every Methodist preacher, but it would show us little of the individual man.

I take the outline and attempt to fill in with such imperfect portraiture of the life and character of JOHN W. HOWARD as I saw and knew him and intimate friends have told me of him. I do not take the view of a Methodist preacher's life, as most men see it, from the outside. To them it is little more than a monotonous round of methodical duties. I would paint in fitting words, if I can, something of his real life—of faith and patience, love and hope, fierce conflicts and victories over temptations—lifted far above common place events and worldly ambitions into the truest, highest life possible to man.

The Rev. John Wesley Howard was born in Gloucester county, Va., on the 16th day of January, 1816. He came of a family of Methodist preachers. His father and two of his brothers were local preachers; an uncle, the Rev. Thomas How-

ard, was a traveling preacher in this Conference many years ago. Brought up in an old-fashioned Methodist family, and surrounded by the precious influences of such a home, Wesley Howard consecrated his heart and life to God at an early age. He was a dissident young man and did not seek to thrust himself into the ministry. Satisfied in his own mind that he ought to preach the Gospel, he hesitated because he was not prepared. He had married and settled at King and Queen Courthouse, and was a class-leader and exhorter. Here his first wife died, and he was troubled sorely about his call to preach. A very prominent Methodist of that circuit, who admired the young man, urged him to try to preach and invited him to make an appointment to preach to his slaves. He agreed to do this, and upon that plantation began the humble ministry which honored a long life and brought many hundreds of souls to Christ. The Quarterly Conference licensed him and recommended him to the Virginia Annual Conference in 1845. He was received on trial, and from that time remained in the active work of the ministry till his last illness. His appointments are recorded in the minutes and need not be repeated here. Many of them were laborious fields of labor. He endured great hardships, and many privations sometimes. He was a man of magnificent physique, and his soul was of heroic build. The sweet spirit of early Methodist piety and the strictness of Methodist discipline had moulded him and fitted him for hard work. He was never known to complain of any work given him.

He married thirty six years ago the wife who was the faithful companion of all his itinerant toils, Miss Fannie Leigh Phillips, daughter of Dr. Samuel Phillips, of Bedford county. She was a woman of rare culture, refinement and taste; and by her magic touch made every rude and humble home he occupied beautiful. The daughters born to them grew up like their mother, and it is pleasant to know that in all his trials he was surrounded at home by love and true Christian refinement. I asked Mrs. Howard since his death if she had ever heard her husband complain. "Never," was her response; "he always spoke brightly and cheerfully of every appointment he received."

We begin to see at once the true spirit of the man and Methodist preacher. He was humble, unassuming and willing to go where he believed God had sent him. When the Bishop decided, he was not only ready but eager to go. He was free from envy; no taint of it stained his pure heart. He loved and honored his brethren. No restless ambition ever disturbed his life or marred his usefulness. He never sought an appointment and never meddled about one.

Of his preparation for the ministry and his preaching I ought to speak. He felt and expressed regret that better advantages of education could not have been afforded him in his youth. I cannot think that he had not sufficient advantages for the work to which he was called. John Wesley Howard was not learned in the schools of science, but he was learned in the Scriptures of Divine truth. He had studied thoroughly the doctrines of Methodism and the science of salvation in the great common school of Methodism—the class-meeting—as pupil and as teacher. Changing circumstances have, perhaps, rendered this grand school less important, but in other days our noblest men were taught there, and they grew to be mighty men in the knowledge and love of God. Howard was an earnest student of those things which make up a deep experience of the things of God. He read and re-read the old Methodist books till he became imbued with their teaching; and from the saints with whom he lived in his boyhood life he learned well the value and the joy of daily personal experience of communion with God. He preached the witness of the Spirit, and enjoyed it in his daily life. The full assurance of faith was his. What he knew and felt he preached. His sermons were simple and earnest; his exhortations sometimes powerful and eloquent. No doubtful theology did he teach, nor weak milk-and-water dilutions of our doctrines. Repentance, faith, a new heart, regenerated by grace, the witness of the Spirit, the necessity of growing in grace and going on to perfection, the entire consecration of soul, mind and body to Christ Jesus the Saviour, able and willing to save to the uttermost all who would wholly forsake sin and come to Him—these were subjects of his preaching, and he preached with distinct and clear utterance, from a heart regenerated and filled with the graces of the Spirit. He knew of the doctrine because he had learned of God.

His ministry was successful. He moved men's hearts. His loving spirit gave him access to the people. He had gifts which aided him in his ministry. His voice was rich, full and melodious, and as he led in singing, the grand poetry of our hymn-book was carried to hearts untouched by preaching. He was singularly gifted in prayer. Old men in Bedford, where he labored nearly forty years ago, still speak of his singing and of his marvellous prayers. He had read his Bible so much that his thoughts easily expressed themselves in its beautiful and sublime phrases. The very genius of prayer seemed to inspire him. Fervor, eloquence, pathos, flowing from the deep tenderness of a loving heart, full of simple faith in the promises of God, characterized his prayers all his life. No wonder hearts were touched and made tender, and that dear recollection of the old ministers are spoken of by the old people who

heard the young preacher in their youth and by their children who heard him in later years.

A marked characteristic of the man was his love of the Church. The broad and catholic spirit which embraces all who love our Lord Jesus Christ he had, and others possessing in equal degree the divine charity which produces it. The peculiarity of this man was his singular love of the house of God, whether a beautiful temple in the city or the humblest unpainted wooden church of the country. He loved the church as David loved the courts of the Lord. Its sacred precincts seemed to him a home. All of us remember him, seated within the railings of the altar, leaning his head upon the platform or pulpit as if he loved to touch the very material out of which it was made. His venerable form seems now to sit before us, his face framed in patriarchal beard white as snow, his head crowned with a wealth of silvered hair which more than seventy years had touched and brightened.

His simplicity of character impressed all who knew him. He had the heart of a child—tender, sincere, pure and confiding. There was no guile in him. The man's thoughts were pure. The duties of his ministry filled up his life, and he loved better than wife and children his chosen life-work.

His hospitality was unbounded. Many have tender remembrance of it. He enjoyed as a privilege entertaining his friends and brethren. What he had was theirs. Poor always, there was mostly plenty on his table. No lack could be felt by any guest who witnessed his joy in hospitality.

His faith was of the most undoubting character. He leaned without fear upon the promises of God. Friends often talked to him of his advancing years and the necessity of looking out for some provision for his family. He was calmly confident that God would care for them and for him. Whatever he had was consecrated to God. With scanty purse he gave generously to God's cause and God's poor, and he believed that God would provide for him.

The year 1886 was his last year in the ministry. His four years' term on the Middle Bedford Circuit had expired. Here he had done some of the hardest work of his life. His people were poor and he cheerfully shared their poverty. During these closing years he seemed to be more diligent in his work than ever. He preached with more unction. He did not seem to know he was old. His eye was undimmed; his strength was not abated; his voice rang out the sweet songs of Zion in notes as clear and rich as in his early manhood they resounded amid the rugged hills and beautiful forests of Bedford. In protracted meetings his labors were abundant. Preaching three times a day did not fatigue him. The last year was one of the happiest

of his happy life, for, hard to understand as it may seem, he was the happiest man I ever knew.

The Conference at Norfolk in November, 1886, sent him to West Bedford Circuit, in the county he had learned to love so well. He did not reach the new charge; God called him on his way to the old parsonage. He reached his home stricken already with the fatal illness which terminated his noble life. He never left the bed upon which he laid his wearied limbs on that sad December day when he tottered into the presence of his wife and dear ones. For more than three months he lingered. Monotonous days of acute pain and suffering followed each other. All hoped for his recovery but himself; he was convinced that the sickness was unto death. His faith in the Saviour he preached did not desert him. "The will of the Lord be done," were the simple words he spoke when friends spoke hopefully of his recovery. With calm and quiet dignity he spoke to his oldest and dearest friend, Judge Davis, of his wishes in regard to his funeral, and gave expression to the few and simple desires of his heart. Too thoughtful and tender to add to the burden of the sorrow of his wife and children, he did not speak to them of these things. Patiently he waited for the end; he was ready. He looked the coming death in the face with the calmness of faith, as the diseased heart, quivering and bounding under the stealthy thrust of the all-dreaded conqueror of mortality, gave daily warning of the fast-approaching end. There was no terror for him. So quietly did he wait, so uncomplaining was he, so brave, so heroic in his Christ-like fortitude, that the natural terrors of death could hardly be felt by his loving family and friends as they stood around the dying saint. Presently the good man ceased to feel pain; calm and confident, sweet and patient, he gently went to sleep in Jesus.

The room on that 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1887, seemed a holy place. The unworld-like beauty of death shone on the face of our dead. Surely God was in that place. As yet the sorely-stricken family of our brother were awed into calmness and were spared for a little the full anguish of that grief which knows no healing except by the loving touch of the finger of God.

We buried him in the cemetery at Liberty. Rev. Dr. P. A. Peterson, by our brother's request, preached his funeral sermon in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Washburn, the pastor, with whom Brother Howard had once been intimately associated in Christian work; Rev. Dr. Whitehead, his Presiding Elder, and Rev. H. P. Mitchell paid precious tributes to his memory. A large congregation, who honored and esteemed him, was present, and loving hands laid him away to rest till

the resurrection in a beautiful spot where the Peaks of Otter overlook his grave and the first beams of the sun touch gently the grass which grows above it.

So lived and died John Wesley Howard, an humble soldier in the ranks of our itinerancy, who feared God, loved his fellow man, and was faithful to the end.

What faults he had we have not mentioned. They did not blot the purity of his life and character. Them we buried in his grave. He did no evil during his long life in the ministry to live after him, and the good could not be "interred with his bones."

The far-reaching influences of the life of this dear servant of Christ will be known in their fullness only in Heaven. Such men as he upbuild the Church of God. Not greatness, nor eloquence, nor learning, but the spirit of Christ which animates the men of God, continues the work of the fathers and lays the sure foundation of the grander work of the future.

We stand now upon the foundations others have built. The greatest among the ministers of God in thought and mental force "can but uplift the thought that is about them," and we of the laity and ministry must heed the call to work while it is yet day, and build up solid and strong the place where the greatest among you measure the height, so that those who follow in the years to come, standing higher and still higher upon the work accomplished, seeing farther and more clearly, may carry on the work of Christ till all the glories of which prophets sung and John of Patmos saw shall be completed in uplifting a redeemed world to the throne of God.

Rev. ROBERT A. GREGORY.

BY REV. PAUL WHITEHEAD, D. D.

Rev. ROBERT A. GREGORY died May 17, 1887, at the Western Lunatic Asylum, Staunton, Va., of which he had been twice an inmate, the last time for the long period of nearly twenty years. He was born in Chesterfield county, Va., probably about the year 1821, but the exact time has not been ascertained. No sketch of his life or account of his conversion and call to the ministry was deposited with the Conference Secretary, nor could any one, except his wife, furnish information concerning these matters. She followed him to the grave within four months, and her state of health after his decease gave no favorable opportunity to elicit any important matter for his memoir. He entered

the itinerancy at Lynchburg in 1844; was duly advanced to full connection, and to orders as deacon and elder; and served six circuits with success and acceptance.

He was a man of warm and deep piety, a fervent and animated preacher, and had many souls for his hire. In the year 1852, his second year on Fluvanna Circuit, insanity manifested itself, and he was conveyed to the Asylum July 22d of that year. His case proved to be amenable to treatment, and he was removed September 25, 1854, apparently restored to a sound mind. He had been married for several years, and his wife and children remained for sometime at the house of relatives in Buckingham county, Va., while he made the experiment of resuming work, but not in charge, for three years.

In 1859 he was put in charge of Staunton Circuit, and until the Conference of 1866 (inclusive) labored by appointments in the same or adjoining regions. In January, 1867, he became finally—and, as it proved, hopelessly—insane; was again admitted into the Western Lunatic Asylum December 19, 1867; his age being given on the register as 46. He was placed on the superannuated list at the Conference of 1868, and continued in that relation until his death. For a great portion of his latter residence in the Asylum he was in a deep melancholy, aroused by nothing, answering no questions, holding communication with no one. In January, 1887, heart disease set in, and proved fatal in May. He was buried in the Asylum grounds, the Rev. Dr. Gardner, of the M. E. Church South, at Staunton, officiating at his funeral. Thus sadly eclipsed for a period longer than the active ministry of many men, has finally gone out the light that at one time burned brightly and usefully on the altar of the Christian ministry among us. Those of us who remember Brother Gregory, will retain the impressions of a loving, gentle and devout spirit, of unfeigned devotion to the cause of God, and of simple and unpretending love of souls. The fruit he was permitted to gather for the Master was an earnest of what he might have done had not an affliction so calamitous, in the Providence of God, darkened a third of his life.

Rev. W. W. BENNETT, D. D.

BY REV. F. J. BOGGS.

WILLIAM WALLACE BENNETT, son of Eli and Mary C. Bennett, was born in the city of Richmond February 24th, 1821. He was reared under the fostering care and social surroundings of Methodism, and was the subject of religious impressions from an early period.

In 1839, under the ministry of Rev. Gervas M. Keesee, he made a profession of religion, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Portsmouth. Here, with the help of class-meetings and other social, as well as the public means of grace, his religious experience had a healthful beginning, that developed the elevated character and useful life that our beloved brother has bequeathed to the Church. Soon after his conversion, he, and several others who were exercised about a call to the ministry, met and conversed upon the subject, and prayed for Divine guidance, giving evidence that when he entered the itinerancy it was no rash adventure. In the fall of 1841, he removed to Mecklenburg county, where his brother, Rev. John R. Bennett, was in charge of the circuit. There he pursued his studies, obtained license to preach, and began his ministry, passing through what he conceived to be the crucial test of his call to preach. Discouraged, as he informed the writer, by what he conceived a failure in the pulpit before a large congregation, he was tempted to give up the ministry; but falling into the hands of an experienced and godly class-leader, who encouraged him by his counsel and his prayers, he turned to his work with renewed consecration, and a conviction too strong to be jostled again.

From the best information obtained (the records of four years of this Conference being lost) he was admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference in 1842, and traveled as junior preacher on Louisa and Bedford Circuits. In 1845-6 he was in charge of Powhatan Circuit, and in 1847 was stationed in Charlottesville, where he availed himself of the educational advantages of the University of Virginia, and graduated in several of the schools in 1850. At the Conference of this year he was stationed in Washington city, organizing the first Society of the M. E. Church South at our national capital. In 1851 he was elected Chaplain of the University of Virginia, but on account of sickness resigned the position. He soon, however, regained his accustomed health, and in 1852-3 travelled Loudoun Circuit with W. W. Berry and John C. Granbery, respectively, as junior preachers. In 1854-5-6-7 he was Presiding Elder of the Washington District. While on this appointment he was married, December 20th,

1855, to Virginia Lee, daughter of Edward and Mary Kendall Sangster, of Alexandria. A wise and happy union. In 1858-9 he was appointed to Union Station Richmond, and in 1860-61 was stationed at Centenary, in the same city.

In 1862 he was appointed Chaplain in the Confederate Army, and assigned to the Superintendency of the Tract Association. Seeing the necessity of a more generous distribution of Bibles and religious literature among the troops, he arranged to go abroad for a supply, and during the last winter of the war successfully "ran the blockade." He had scarcely, however, entered upon the work in London when the war ended, and he returned to Virginia.

In 1865 he travelled Nottoway Circuit, and in 1866 was appointed editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*. By judicious management and editorial ability, this necessary and popular journal was established on a promising basis. In 1874 Rev. J. J. Lafferty became his associate, who, 1877, by satisfactory negotiations, assumed control, and was appointed editor of the paper. The motives influencing Dr. Bennett in this change were characteristic of the man, and the result of thoughtful conversation. His successor well understood him, and tells us, in his affecting notice of his death, that "he made known to him his uneasiness in conscience as to his position—that he was too stout in health to be out of the regular ranks. With much emphasis he declared his wish to be found in the pastorate when God called him." Before the Conference met in Lynchburg, Dr. Bennett had arranged to change his position. It was then made to appear his duty to go to college, and he yielded. But there must have been a peculiar joy when the summons came that he was in his loved employ—the shepherd of a flock.

In 1877 he was elected President of Randolph-Macon College. This position he held for nine years, during perhaps its most critical history; but by able, kind and impartial administration, with the confidence of his brethren in the ministry, the active co-operation of his professorial associates, and the affection of the students, the College accomplished a noble work. By his activity in visiting throughout the Baltimore and Virginia Conferences and elsewhere, and under his stirring appeals the number of students compared favorably with other institutions, and a large amount of money was raised in the interest of the College. The sentiments of a writer from the Pacific coast, we are sure, find echo here—that "Virginia Methodism owes Dr. Bennett a great debt for the work done by him at Randolph-Macon, at the crucial period of its history." He left the College an enduring monument of his heroic devotion, but, as many think, at the cost of his life. At the close of the session in 1886, his health was so impaired that he resigned the Presidency of the

College, and secured a retired home near Trevillian's, in Louisa county, hoping that relief from the burdens and cares of College work, and the quiet of the country, might nurse him back to health again. But, alas! his disease baffled the best medical skill, and the loving attentions of his family and friends. He was prevailed upon during the summer to visit the mountains, and with some slight improvement he was in his place at the last Conference, believing that he could even then attend to the work on some fields that would be open—but naming none. The change disease had wrought in his robust frame was a subject of mournful remark by all that knew him, and grave apprehensions were felt that he would never recuperate. From that Conference he was sent to Gordonsville and Orange, where he gave for a time pastoral care and pulpit work that was surprising to his friends. But as the summer advanced, he was compelled to yield, and after a short confinement to his bed, his earthly labors ended.

Dr. Bennett, in health, will always be remembered by his acquaintances as an incomparable specimen of physical manhood, with a face bearing the lines of strong character. Indeed, he seemed moulded for any work or position in Methodism. His mental endowments were of a high order; and in all the responsible places he filled, there are no traces of failure. His early advantages were such as to secure a good English education, with some knowledge of Latin; and from our knowledge of the man we may safely conclude that his opportunities were well improved. A schoolmate says of him: "He was studious, with great grasp of intellect and steadiness of purpose." The writer, and others, perhaps, will remember his modest reference to his fondness for reading while a boy, in using "the first money he could command to subscribe for the *Richmond Advocate*," which he subsequently edited with so much ability. By judicious reading and study, and by such collegiate helps as his appointments favored, he became the peer of any. Ten years before he was elected President of Randolph-Macon, he received from that institution the degree of D. D., was a member of every General Conference since 1858, and was a Representative of our Church at the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1881. The opinion of the editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, no doubt, is the judgment of his brethren—that "he was the best-rooted man in the Conference in theology, and saturated with Church history, dogma, and doctrine."

His early acceptance of the doctrine of salvation as taught by the Methodist Church became, with study and experience, the more deeply fixed as his system of divinity, and, in any presence, there was "no uncertain sound" in his utterances. He was not fond of writing, yet, as editor and author, he gave evidence of

great mental vigor and research. He sought no reputation in this direction, but the works he published are a memorial of his consecrated ability. He believed them to be needed, and the Church received and cherishes them as of great value. His views in regard to some of the issues and moral questions of the day were by some thought to be visionary and impracticable, but the result has generally demonstrated that he was only in advance of many.

As a preacher he occupied the front rank in pulpit power, and his discourses were such as lived in the memory and hearts of his hearers. "His sermons," says Bishop Granbery, "were stately, elaborate, and massive, mighty discussions of great truths, with wide range of thought, lucid and forcible argument, earnest, solemn, and often impassioned application." Bishop Doggett says of him: "Bennett, at times, is the greatest preacher I ever heard. His sermon at the late camp meeting, on Matthew xxiii, 37, 38, surpassed anything I ever listened to from the pulpit. His description of the desolate house I can never forget. I remember," says he, "to have heard him at Charlottesville 'on the flood,' when for more than an hour the congregation seemed dazed by the power of his eloquence."

His character was differently analyzed by some of his friends, though all accorded him unexceptionable integrity, a high order of piety, and a noble, generous heart. His occasional serious expression and brusque manner awakened the suspicion with some that he was wanting in sympathy; but those who knew him best indulged no such estimate of him. With all his firmness of conviction and stern independence, where was to be found greater gentleness and consideration of the feelings of others? He was emphatically the friend of the friendless, the persecuted and neglected, and was unchanging in his friendships. He was slow to find fault, and indulged in no depreciation of others. At any time, it required a great provocation, and something more than mere personal affront or injury, to evoke rebuke; but when it did come, it was felt, but was more the utterance of conscientious impulse than the ebullition of personal resentment. How appropriate and just was the touching and eloquent tribute of Dr. Lafferty, when the news reached him of the death of his friend and former editorial associate. In it he says: "He was seldom harsh in terms. He had his estimate of men, but did not proclaim it. In duty to God, he had a single eye. He kept the faith. Nearness to him made this writer sure," says he, "that few, if ever since the great Christian eras, had any man committed himself more completely to that one thing—fidelity to Jesus."

Rev. E. P. Wilson, his schoolmate, converted in the same revival, and entering Conference with him, his life-long friend, says

of him: "When a boy there was about him a seeming abruptness of manner, but it was only on the surface, and never led to unpleasant relations with his associates. His heart could be trusted. His change was radical and thorough, and his life a constant aspiration to godliness. During his connection with the College, he was prompt in attendance on the social, as well as public means of grace. He addressed himself not only to the intellectual elevation of the students, but with affectionate earnestness sought to lead them to Christ. He preached often, and was heard with delight and profit by all. He was much given to meditation and prayer. His daily walk was pure and consistent, and throughout his ministerial life he brought no reproach on his Christian character, or on the Church he loved so well. His piety and devotion to God were no less conspicuous in the family circle. As a husband and father he equally illustrated those virtues that solve any secret of his well-proportioned life.

He was the head of a Christian household, where piety was fostered and practised, and where Methodism was honored. He, with his devoted wife, sought to make home attractive, and succeeded. While the proprieties of religious training and filial respect were never relaxed, there was no constraint on the freedom of social and religious intercourse, and no lack of sympathy for such enjoyments as were proper, entertaining and improving in a Christian home. He was looked up to by his family as a practical and safe counsellor, and beyond whom there was rarely even the desire to appeal. His brethren, I am sure, will endorse the sentiments of his distinguished eulogist: "His virtues were many, steadfast and bright. The whole Church will feel his loss. The Virginia Conference as one man will cherish his memory with deep admiration and love."

After his confinement to bed the ravages of his rare disease were very rapid and severe. He early sank into a comatose condition, yet responding when spoken to. It will be gratifying to his brethren, nevertheless, to know that his end was a great spiritual triumph. On Monday, June 6th, at an early hour, with the family and a few friends about him fearful that he might pass away without again rousing from his lethargy, his wife, under her stress of grief, urged all to united prayer. They knelt, and his eldest son led in prayer, expressing assurance of the blessed result to the dying husband and father, yet craving a lucid interval and some words of affectionate counsel. In a few moments he asked to be turned on his back, and opening his eyes he exclaimed: "I am quickened up into a higher life." When his wife exulted in such an answer to prayer, he said: "My dear, I have known for more than forty years that God answers prayer." Then, feeling his pulse and turning to Dr.

Wills, his physician, he said: "I suppose this thing is steadily progressing to the end, is it not?" "Yes," said the doctor, "but you have the Everlasting Arms around you." "Oh, yes," he replied, "and have had for more than forty years, and they have never failed me. But I have much to say and must speak slowly, so I wanted to know how much time—a half hour?" "Yes," the doctor replied; "perhaps several hours." He then called his family;—but we must drop the curtain on a scene in many respects too sacred and impossible to describe. With affectionate counsel to each he commended them to God. When one of the family spoke of meeting him in Heaven, he replied: "And what a happy meeting that will be!" He then asked his physician if he had shown any signs of nervousness. When told he had not, with a tender consideration for his loved ones, he said: "I did not want to excite the family unnecessarily, but I want you all to know that there is not a cloud, not the semblance of a shadow, dark or small, between my Lord and me. All is bright and clear." He joined in singing that hymn of Christian triumph commencing, "How happy are they," and when the family by reason of their emotions were unable to sing, he carried the tune. He then sent messages of love to his friends and brethren. "Give my love," said he, "to the professors and students of Randolph-Macon College, and may the blessing of God be upon them and their work forever." Then, with his heart going out to his brethren in the ministry, with whom he had labored so long and so successfully, he said: "Give my love to the preachers—all of them. I am so weak my feelings would overcome me. I can only give them my general blessing." At intervals till he died the expressions caught from his failing voice were, "Hallelujah," "Glory to God," "The portals on high," "Always the blood—saved by it," and almost with his expiring breath, and as if descriptive of his triumphant passage from earth to Heaven, he exclaimed: "I am rising higher and higher!" and at 1:15 o'clock P. M., June 7th, he passed away from his family, a wife and six children, all one in Christ, who, though desolated by their loss, are comforted in the blessed hope of meeting in Heaven.

His remains were carried to Randolph-Macon College, where solemn and touching services were held. The next day they were conveyed to Centenary Church, Richmond, one of his old charges, where, by request of his family, Rev. S. S. Lambeth, assisted by Bishop Granbery and some of the ministers of the city and vicinity, in the presence of a large number of friends and acquaintances, held appropriate and affecting services. His body was then carried to Hollywood Cemetery and laid to rest "till Christ shall bid it rise."

Rev. JOHN D. BLACKWELL, D. D.

BY. REV. WM. E. JUDKINS.

Rev. JOHN DAVENPORT BLACKWELL, A. M., D. D., was born in Fauquier county, Va., June 17, 1822, and died in Portsmouth, Va., Sunday morning, June, 26, 1887, aged 65 years and 9 days. His parents were John and Rebecca Blackwell, whose intelligence, affluence, refinement and earnest, devout piety gave to their son the most favorable conditions of childhood. The lofty traits of Christian character marking the parents were reproduced in the son. His father was among the first Methodists in Fauquier, and through many years filled faithfully the positions of class-leader and steward. His mother was a woman of superior intelligence and piety, and, with her husband, a devoted Methodist. To the example and teaching of such parents it is not surprising that the son should have responded. In his fourteenth year he was converted to God, and thenceforward to the close of his life illustrated the genuineness of his conversion. His educational advantages were exceptionally good and to their improvement he devoted himself with marked fidelity. He graduated with honor at Dickinson College under those distinguished men the Rev. Drs. Ro. Emory, John McClintock and Wm. H. Allen. The inspirations of such intellectual and spiritual training followed him through life. Yielding to the convictions of a Divine call to preach the Gospel he, in the fall of 1846, entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Virginia Conference. In connection with this act the Rev. A. G. Brown, in a noble and just tribute to Dr. Blackwell, published in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, has said: "This was a stormy period in the history of American Methodism. In 1844 when the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States divided, and the Conferences of the South organized under the name of 'Methodist Episcopal Church, South,' Dr. Blackwell was a Southern Methodist at heart, but, unfortunately, the old Baltimore Conference, as it was called, in whose territory he lived and held membership, remained with the Northern Conferences. It was painful to Dr. Blackwell to withdraw from his old Church, but nothing could induce him to occupy a false position. His fortunes were promptly cast with the Church South, as were those of his father's family and of his large family connection."

His first pastoral appointment was Bedford Circuit as the assistant of Rev. John W. Childs, and then as chief pastor of the Circuit. After this he served in the order named the following charges: Hampton, Farmville, Randolph-Macon College as chaplain, Fairfax Circuit, Washington City station, Warrenton

Circuit, Union Station, Richmond; Nottoway Circuit, Trinity station, Richmond; Granby street station, Norfolk, was chaplain of the Eighteenth Virginia Regiment one year, then pastor of old Warrenton Circuit (his old home) a second time, then Amherst Circuit, then Presiding Elder of Murfreesboro District one year, then Cumberland Street Station, Norfolk, three years, then Presiding Elder of Lynchburg District four years, Presiding Elder of Charlottesville District one year, pastor of Washington-Street Station, Petersburg, four years, and then Monumental Station, Portsmouth, for nearly four years. Here he closed his eventful life of noble labor for God and man, covering a period of nearly forty-one years. In this brief summary of his ministerial appointments and labors there lies a history of results so noble and ennobling that we must abide the revelations of the better world to ascertain them. What he *was* and how he *wrought* are all that is permitted us now to contemplate. The nobility of his character and the fidelity of his labors entitle him to our loving consideration and grateful memory. In the following attempt briefly to portray his character we are confident that, while it will be imperfect, it will yet find endorsement by those who knew him best.

Dr. Blackwell was no ordinary man. Dr. Lafferty has well said of him: "Nature quitted herself well in fashioning a well-nigh model of manly grace and form." The same may be said of the soul his body enshrined. His intellectual powers were so balanced as to exclude eccentricity in their action. Clear perception, refined taste, subdued imagination, and a sound judgment blended with a strong will, and all responded to the dictates of a conscience enlightened by the truth and Spirit of God. He clearly recognized the majesty and dignity God had put upon man and the God like possibilities with which he had endowed him. The result was he bore himself as became a man. He was everywhere the gentleman. Nothing little or low or mean found in him a moment's toleration. Singularly gentle, even as a woman, he was also brave and heroic. The high models which the Gospel set before him were ever kept in view. His example, spirit and teachings, as he moved among men, were a benediction. They inculcated fealty to every duty in every relation of life. He understood, too, what Solomon meant when he said: "A friend is born for the day of adversity." Sincerity, generosity, confidence, sympathy and fidelity entered into his conceptions of friendship, and nobly did he illustrate them all. Time and space did not take you out of his heart when once you had found a place there. He was not demonstrative as some. He had no gush. He professed little with his lips. But action tried the temper of his heart and showed how it pulsed toward you. In his own peculiar gentle way he made you to feel how

true was his sympathy, how fully he might be trusted, and how ready he was to help. Beneath his quiet, gentle manner was a great heart, true as steel, and so full of love for God and man that almost all who knew him felt they could say, and say it with confidence, "He is my friend." If he ever had occasion to criticize, it was never done harshly. The breadth and depth of his charity were too great to allow him to cherish bitterness of feeling or knowingly wound another's feelings. The unselfishness and transparent honesty of the man drew people, as by a magnetic influence, to him. But the climax of his character was reached in his experience and life as a Christian and minister. As Bishop Granbery has truly affirmed: "Of him, as of Nathaniel, it might well be said, 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile.'" In him the transforming, soul-saving power of the Gospel gloriously illustrated itself. The text of the first sermon he ever preached was from Romans 1st chapter, 16th verse: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." This text was the keynote to his subsequent life, and might be fittingly inscribed as an epitaph upon his tomb. His whole life responded to and illustrated its teachings. With his whole soul he accepted that Gospel as of God, and his faith fastened upon the Christ of the Gospel as his only but all-sufficient Saviour. He believed Him and His word implicitly, and his faith, like Abraham's, was "counted to him for righteousness." In the peace and hope which the Gospel, through his faith, enthroned in his soul, he rejoiced in hope of the glory of God. As a Christian he was not demonstrative. He rarely showed exultation of feeling, and did not stress the merely emotional in religion. But no man ever more fully believed in religion as an *experience* than he. He was a profound, close and prayerful student of religion as taught in the Gospel. It was his favorite theme as a preacher. He studied it not simply as a theory, but as an experience. "Christ in you" was the central idea of his religion and his preaching. The result was, while he greatly edified others, in himself he truly embodied and illustrated the fruits of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." For forty years he counted it his chief joy to tell the world that the Gospel of Christ was the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. He felt that to him and to the world it brought the offer of life from the death of sin, the seal of adoption into the family of God, the patent of a true nobility and heirship to the felicities and fortunes of a glorified immortality. To preach it in all its fullness, to proclaim its glad tidings, and thus to be the bearer of its light to darkened hearts and homes, the dispenser of its treasures to the spiritual poor, and to pour its

balm upon aching hearts, was to him a privilege so precious, a duty so holy, and an honor so God-given, that no tempting offers to presidential chairs or any other could induce him to turn aside from his loved employ. He was twice tendered the presidency of Wesleyan Female College, urged to accept the presidency of Martha Washington College, was once elected president of Randolph-Macon College, and several times urged to accept similar positions in institutions further South. No man among us, perhaps, more fully appreciated the importance of our educational work, yet he felt constrained to keep to his preferred work of preaching the Gospel. In this he sought to make full proof of his calling. He truly studied to show himself approved unto God "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of life." He had few superiors as a clear, reliable and able expounder of the word of God. He was a life-long student. The range of his studies was wide, and his abilities as a preacher and writer were widely recognized, and bore him to the front rank of his brethren. As a polemic he achieved no mean distinction, and such was the knightly spirit in which he bore himself that the rare criticism was but recently passed upon him by a minister of another Church, namely, that "while persons might oppose Dr. Blackwell in debate, none ever *antagonized* him." This can be said of but few men, and is a high compliment to his Christian character. As to his style, it may be said that in many respects it was a model worthy of imitation. I allude especially to the simplicity and perspicuity that marked it. He was, in an eminent sense, a faithful and fearless minister in dealing with his people. Without harshness, he yet used great plainness of speech. What he saw to be wrong he did not hesitate to expose, and then pressed upon his hearers a closer walk with God. Such were his abilities, and such the depth of his piety, he would have been a leading man in the pulpit of any denomination, as he was in ours. He was one of our chosen representatives in the last four General Conferences, and the College of Bishops appointed him as one of the three representatives from the Virginia Conference to the Centennial Methodist Conference that met in Baltimore in 1884. He was also selected to prepare and read there an "Essay on the Mission of Methodism," which essay ranks to-day as among the ablest papers read before that great body. His catholicity of spirit was so marked that it drew to him almost everywhere the love and admiration of the ministers and people of other denominations, and elicited from them the highest expressions of praise in his life and sorrow at his death.

As a pastor hardly too much can be said in his praise. Few excelled him in this department of ministerial labor. His visits were felt to be a benediction. The holy savor of his influence

and counsels touched alike the hearts of the young and old and drew them to him in loving admiration. Little children greeted him lovingly on the streets, and fathers and mothers, rich and poor, welcomed him to their firesides.

Dr. Blackwell was twice happily married. First to Miss Julia Anna Butts, of Southampton county, Va., four of whose children survive her. His second wife was Miss Fanny G. Smith, of Fauquier county, Va. Of this marriage five children were born and are yet live.

His last official act was to conduct the funeral of a child. From that funeral he returned home sick, but though sick, sat up to write a brief article for the papers making an appeal for charity in behalf of the poor of the city. This was on Thursday evening, June 23d. He laid down his pen, went to bed, and on the following Sunday morning about 6 o'clock, June 26th, he surrendered his soul to God and left the toils and cares of earth for the joys of Heaven. His sickness was violent after the first day, yet borne with his accustomed patience and resignation. He was conscious up to within a few hours of his death. His wife and children were all with him, and late in the night, as they gathered about his bed, he gave each a parting blessing, sent his blessing to his Church, said "good night" to his little children, and in the morning awoke in his long-sought Heaven. He died before many of his people knew that he was ill. The announcement of his death through the city that morning was a shock and source of grief that awakened a wide-spread lamentation. All parties, all ranks, testified their sorrow. All felt a great and good man had left them. His funeral at Monumental Church, the Tuesday following, was attended by some twenty-five ministers of our own Church, Bishop Granbery included, besides many of other denominations, and over a thousand of his admirers and friends. I never witnessed such a wide-spread grief at a funeral. The tears and sobs of the people were touching in the extreme. His body was taken to his native county, accompanied by several loving friends and brethren, and buried in Warrenton, Va., near his childhood home. There, at the earnest request of his kindred and old friends, a second funeral service was held in the church of which he was twice pastor.

A few Sabbaths before his death, in preaching on Enoch's walking with God, he said: "One day Enoch walked so far with God he forgot to return, and went on to Heaven." And now we may say of him that he walked so far out that June morning, leaning on the arm of his beloved Saviour, as to get beyond our vision, and so we shall see him no more in our annual gatherings. Farewell, dear brother!

"Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

Rev. THOMAS A. WARE.

BY REV. J. J. LAFFERTY, D. D.

The Rev. Thomas A. Ware was born in Tuscumbia, Ala., September 1, 1830. He was the son of Dabney and Elizabeth Ware. His ancestors were from England, and settled in Ware Parish, Gloucester county, Va. The first convert from the family was Thomas Ware, a co-laborer of Asbury, pioneer in the Holston country and elsewhere.

The subject of this sketch was converted at the age of 12, and entered the ministry at 19, joining the Memphis Conference in 1848. His first appointment was Chulahoma; the next, Somerville; each year was marked with many conversions; as many as three hundred on the latter circuit. A boy, in his second year, bringing such a wealth of sheaves! The third appointment was Coahoma. This Circuit lay in the dreaded malarial section of Mississippi. Preachers had located rather than risk life in that deadly region. Devoted men had shrunk from the poisoned airs and viewless venom of the swamp winds. The lad volunteered to carry the message of the Master where veterans feared to tread. At the end of the year he came out of Coahoma with every vein vivified with the subtle virus of the morass. He never saw prime health again. His life became a wasting death. He kept to his work, serving Pontotoc, Brownsville, Jackson and Memphis. He had gifts and graces, for the pews in Memphis rented for \$2,250. He was not greedy of filthy lucre. He declined all but \$500. He succumbed to the malaria. He was given a furlough. He came to Virginia with his mother and sister, hoping the tonic air of our hills would bring back the elasticity of spirit and expel the treacherous foe. The mountains gave somewhat of vigor and hope of health. He cast in his lot with this Conference. He shared in its hardships and favors. He preached on circuit, station and district, and followed the fortune of the Confederate soldier, ministering to him in sacred things. He served Randolph-Macon as chaplain and again as financial agent. On the 28th of January, 1869, he was married to a refined and noble lady, Miss Jennie D. Pretlow, of Virginia, who survives him with deep grief at his loss. In 1879 the ravages of disease forced him from active work. He made his home in Charlottesville, where he died July 18, 1887. His Elder, his Pastor and the Editor of the *Advocate* said over him the sad words for the dead and followed his pathetic dust to the grave.

Our lamented brother had unusual endowments for instructive and impressive discourse. The older brethren recall his

first years in Virginia before he was so fatally disabled by bodily ills. Crowds pressed into the pews where he preached. His speech was magnetic and influential. His classic face kindled expectation. His sonorous voice bore his ringing rhetoric to charmed ears. Critics conceded him the palm of engaging and finished form of words and the motions of an orator. Insidious disease soon sapped his strength and took away the physical basis for an elevated and sustained career in the sacred forum. His voice, fancy and quality of thought drooped under the burden of distempered nerves and torturing pain. The sermons in manuscript of his best days certify to the native might in the man. The shattered bow in later years could speed the arrows only with weak and wavering flight. The blood on the barb told how once they flew far and true. Adversity is the testing furnace of character. Few men of his age had in youth so fair promise of wide renown. His lips had hardly touched the foaming nectar ere it was snatched away and wormwood distilled upon his palate. His fame fell into eclipse. The obscuration did not darken the sunshine of his soul. Jesus put to proof the stalwart fisherman that stood before him on the shore of the Galilean sea. At the start of apostolic life Peter was made to know his own fate. "Simon, son of Jonas, I say unto thee, when thou wast young thou girdest thyself and walkedst whither thou wouldest; when thou art old thou shalt stretch forth thy hands and another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldest not." This spoke he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him: "Follow me." Old age craves rest and ease. Jesus warned Simon of weary limbs torn by iron, spike and cruel hammer. And so did this Southern youth receive the commission to the fatal field of Coahoma, surcharged with horrors to confront him in the future, knowing full well that miasmatic foes would torture and crucify limb and life through coming years. Like Simon, with eye on piercing agony awaiting, he arose and followed Him. The age of chivalry has not gone by! At last the supreme hour came. God decreed him a triumph. Men saw him pass through the gates into the city with voice of a victor. While he lay slowly dying on his cross of racking pains the angels ministered unto him and the heavens opened to his eyes. While emerging from the mortal to immortality, casting off the chrysalis, discarding piece by piece the "muddy vesture of decay," waiting a moment for wing to warm in celestial sunshine, lingering on the threshold of the dissolving house of dust, he was basking in dazzling glories, seeing unspeakable things. As heart and flesh failed and fell away, the buoyant wonders of the world to come lifted his soul to the third hea-

ven. He saw the holy throng and heard the song of seraphs, all the while in surprise that the tear-dimmed eye of his wife could not catch the vision. Presently the eager spirit shook off the cumbrous clay of this lower life and rose in imperial splendor, clothed with the sun and the moon beneath his feet, to the throne of God. "And so an abundant entrance" was "ministered unto" our brother into the joy of his Lord.

Rev. EDWARD N. S. BLOGG.

BY REV. FRANCIS M. EDWARDS.

Rev. EDWARD N. S. BLOGG was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 31st day of May, 1830. Much of his early life was spent in travel. He visited France and other European countries, and hence became familiar with several modern languages. Coming to the United States in December, 1859, he proceeded to Norfolk, Va., and secured employment in the *Daily Courier* office. While in Norfolk his habit was to visit the churches as occasion might offer, but seemingly only with the view of becoming acquainted with the English language as employed in public discourse. He removed to Baltimore in 1851. His two married sisters were at the time members of the Bond-Street Methodist Church. They were godly women, and he boarded with them. Here he was first impressed with the necessity of a change of heart; but he found not the "peace in believing" after which his heart had yearned until (having returned to Norfolk in 1852), under the ministry of Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., he was enabled to make the full surrender to Christ, and hence to rejoice as one that had found great treasure. In August, 1852, he was received into Church fellowship at Granby Street Station. In 1859 he was licensed as an exhorter; in 1860 as a local preacher. In the Fall of 1860 he was received on trial as an itinerant by the Virginia Conference at its session held in Alexandria, Va. When, during the troubles of civil war, the city of Norfolk fell into the hands of the United States Army, and Gen. B. F. Butler was in command, Brother Blogg was one of the stationed preachers of the M. E. Church, South in the "City by the Sea." Ill-usage from military authority was frequent, and his ministry hence was much hindered. But, true to his great life-purpose, and to the views of the Church at whose altars he had given his heart to God, he continued to serve the people in holy things whenever allowed by the officers in power. He remained in Norfolk during the

years 1862-'3-'4, inside the Federal lines, and hence could not secure ordination as deacon till the Conference of 1865. In 1866 Bishop Pierce ordained him as Elder. He was married by Bishop Doggett in 1853, and domestic happiness marked a family in which piety was a distinguishing characteristic.

The labors of Brother Blogg after the close of the unhappy Confederate struggle was largely among the German population of our country. In Baltimore, Richmond, Petersburg and other cities, as well as among the Germans settled in Lunenburg, Prince Edward and other counties, he preached the Gospel to his countrymen of the Fatherland in their own tongue, and with earnestness and zeal sought to turn the tide of German thought away from the sophisms of so-called rationalism to the truth as it is in Jesus. In 1877 and 1878 he was chaplain at Randolph-Macon College. In 1880 he was sent to West Hanover Circuit. After serving that charge, he was sent to Pasquotank Circuit, where he toiled until, his health failing, he took a superannuated relation and moved to Baltimore. The disease, which had marked him as a victim, continued to cause anxiety among his friends, though sometimes they were hopeful of a recovery. In July, 1887, he visited Taylor's Springs, in Rockingham county, in hope of finding advantages there, but returned without apparent benefit; and then, though attended by all the medical skill which an affectionate household procured, he wasted away till the blood-bought spirit was taken from the mortal tenement to its immortal home, August 20, 1887. The death scene was one of triumphant peace. Among his last conversations were such expressions of confident hope and happy faith as can belong only to one who "knows whom he has believed." He said he was at peace with God and all mankind; that the Saviour was very precious to him, and that he had no fear of death. He had frequently declared that death would be no more than closing the eyes in this world to open them in Heaven. Well may his survivors in this Conference who have yet to bear the militant armor thank God and take courage from this fresh evidence of the power of religion to enable the Christian to exclaim in the last conflict: "Oh grave, where is thy victory? Oh death, where is thy sting?"

Brother Blogg was very popular among his brethren of the Conference. The sound of his German brogue was the signal for hearty salutations. His transparent character gave confidence in his integrity. His genuine worth commanded respect. His attainments as a scholar, his genial disposition, his warm-hearted friendship, his devotion as a Christian, his unswerving honesty, gave his fellow-toilers a basis of appreciation which they were not slow to recognize. He was remark-

able also as a lover of children. His power to draw the little ones to him was not the least of those excellencies which cropped out in his honorable life. A true friend to old and young has gone to his reward, and—

“ Essential honor must be in a friend
Not such as every breath fans to and fro,
But born within, is its own judge and end,
And dares not sin, though sure that none should know.
When friendship speaks, honesty's understood,
For none can be a friend that is not good.”

REV. PETER F. AUGUST.

BY REV. E. A. GIBBS.

Rev. PETER F. AUGUST was born in Fredericksburg, Va., in the year 1821. While a little boy his parents moved to the city of Richmond, where he grew up to manhood, and where in his youth he spent about eight or nine years in several excellent schools. In the spring of 1842 he was converted, and united with the Shockoe Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. During the Fall of the same year, feeling that he was called to the work of the ministry, he made arrangements to prosecute a course of study preparatory thereto. The years 1843, 1844 and 1845, he spent at Hinton Hill School, Lunenburg county, of which the late Rev. J. C. Blackwell was Principal. He was received on probation in the Virginia Annual Conference, at the session held at Randolph-Macon College in November, 1846. He was one of a class of young men, some of whom were good, pious and successful ministers of the Gospel, and have made themselves a name that will live on after they have passed away to their home on high. Wheelwright and Blackwell, of precious memory, have already gone before. The survivors think of these dear ones with pleasure, and hope to greet them in the better land. From the time of his admittance into the Conference he continued faithful until death. His first appointment was Charlottesville, an important work, as were all his fields of labor; then Powhatan, Elizabeth City, Fredericksburg, Loudoun, Fairfax, Rock Creek and Howard, Hampton and Fop Hill, and Winchester. He was appointed by Bishop Andrew a chaplain in the Confederate Army, November, 1861, which position he retained until General Lee's surrender. His patriotism was in keeping with his Christianity, free, fearless and full. His appointment in

1865 was Harrisonburg, thence Edenton, South Buckingham, Liberty, Murfreesboro, Salisbury, Md., Gordonsville, Wesley Chapel, Petersburg, Boydton and Williamsburg; and as stated in the Conference Sketches, "the thought of any interest with which he was charged, receiving hurt through his slackness never occurred to any church or army official." A few years ago, his health failed to such an extent as to necessitate a supernumerary relation to the Conference, but he did not cease to labor; he preached for the brethren in the Methodist and other churches, to the edification and pleasure of his congregations.

Peter F. August was a good pastor and a fine preacher, fluent, earnest, effective, and above all, his Christianity was beautiful. During the past Summer and Fall he was spending his time at the home of Mr. George Friend, whose wife was his niece, and on the third Sabbath of September he preached at Reeves' Church, on the West Charlotte Circuit. After a very impressive sermon on "Christian Influence," he went to the house of Mr. C. H. Farrar to rest the balance of the day. That night he was taken very sick, and continued to grow worse until the 30th day of September; when in full prospect of a glorious immortality, he passed from labor to rest. His remains were taken to the city of Richmond, and laid away by his brethren and friends to await the resurrection in the last Great Day.

Rev. THEODORE H. WHITE.

BY REV. J. W. CRIDER.

The Rev. THEODORE H. WHITE, son of Dr. W. L. and M. L. White, Nashville, Tenn., and grandson of the late Col. George W. Harris, of Albemarle county, Va., was born October 5th, 1856, and died January 20th, 1887.

God in his infinite wisdom often displays his power in a manner mysterious to us. The only child of a widowed mother, snatched from her loving embrace by the ruthless hand of Death, just as he had so thoroughly prepared himself for the ministry, with all its joys and hopes before him. His short life seems to hang out like a beautiful picture from boyhood until called upon to put aside the armor of God on earth, for the victor's crown in Heaven. At the early age of thirteen, his conversion was powerful and triumphant. He exhorted his young friends with such amazing vigor and zeal to come to Jesus, that the now sainted Brother Hartwell H. Gary put his

hand upon his head in benediction and said, "Theo, you are going to preach the Gospel." Purity of character and life, blended with brightness of intellect and goodness of heart, won for him the respect and confidence of the community around him, and of all with whom he was associated. His intellect was of more than ordinary grasp. In the different schools he attended, he received many prizes of distinction in his studies. He graduated at Blacksburg College in 1879, and received a beautiful gold medal for Oratory at the Commencement. He taught school with great success, and was urged to become Principal of the High School, but so urgent did he feel his call to the ministry that he went vigorously into preparation for it, and afterwards graduated at Randolph-Macon College.

During his vacation, 1883, he assisted Bro. Berryman on the Scottsville Circuit, and in 1884, he was with Bro. Taylor on the Prospect Circuit. In November, 1884, he joined the Virginia Conference on trial, and was sent to Burkeville, where he labored faithfully and acceptably, though a great sufferer from rheumatism. In August, his horse slipped and fell, crushing his right knee under him. For three weeks he was confined to his bed, suffering the most excruciating torture; not able to walk without crutch and cane, and after that was compelled to get a buggy to attend to his appointments. Even then he was cheerful, saying, "I meet with great kindness from my people. As far as worldly comforts are concerned, I want for nothing. I believe the Lord is blessing my efforts, and that is the best of all. I am finding out there is more in the Christian religion than I ever knew before. By keeping near enough to Christ with a living faith, I daily experience the goodness of His great mercy; comforting, strengthening and giving me success. It is strange to say, but I never feel pain while preaching." Though he often said after he was through preaching, sometimes he did not know whether he would live to get out of the pulpit, so great was his pain and exhaustion.

He went to Conference that Fall, and was returned to Burkeville. He went immediately to his work without visiting his friends at home, who knew nothing of his great danger. His heroic devotion to duty will not soon be forgotten. He was actively engaged in his work until June, 1886. His friends were daily expecting him home on a visit, when his mother received several letters from him at once to go to Richmond. "I found it necessary to stop my work to consult Dr. McGuire, and he thinks with the other doctors, that the only thing is to amputate the limb: that I can only live about six months and that I cannot live at all without it. I write this with a steady hand, O, how calmly I feel! I was startled at first,

but I find the grace of God sufficient for me, and am perfectly resigned to his will, which stands back of all events. I do not want you here, dear mother, so much on my account, as that it will be more satisfactory to you. Now, dear mother, exercise your Christian faith and fortitude, and remember, all things work together for good to them who love God." The shock was sudden and terrible to his friends and relations. On entering his room, they found him sitting up in bed writing upon his lap. He said, with calm composure upon his youthful countenance, "I have settled my every earthly business, and am now writing up my church books so that my successor can take hold where I leave off. I have set my house in order, and am now ready to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." He went to his home in Albemarle; but the best medical skill, combined with the tenderest solicitude and prayers of loving friends could not avert death. His mind kept strong; his faith unfaltering in the promise of God, and his evidence of acceptance clear.

He said he wished so much to preach one more sermon to his old friends and associates, from the text "Prepare to meet thy God." He truly lingered on the border land of the Heavenly world: was heard to whisper, "I brush the dews on Jordan's banks, the crossing must be near." When it was thought he was dying, he said, "I have given up everything except my mother." For about an hour his noiseless influence was like the breath of Heaven. His lips were seen to move in prayer; then looking up with the light of Heaven in his eyes, he said, "I have given up my mother now; the grace of God is sufficient for her." He repeated the 23rd Psalm; dwelling particularly on the verse, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil;" and repeating the last verse twice, "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever," he fell asleep in Jesus as one who lies down to pleasant dreams.

VIII.
DECEASED MINISTERS

—OF THE—

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

Dating from the First Session, held May, 1785, to the Hundred and Fifth Session, held November, 1887, and showing one hundred and seventy-six deaths in one hundred and three years.

In twenty-nine of the hundred and three years there were no deaths.

The largest mortality was in 1887.

[*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.—Psalms CXVI.*]

No.	Names.	Year of Death.	No.	Names.	Year of Death
1.	Richard Owings.....	1786	20.	Samuel Waggener.....	1816
2.	Elijah Ellis	1788	21.	Peter Wyatt	1816
3.	John Tunnell	1790	22.	Fletcher Harris.....	1818
4.	John Sproul.....	1793	23.	John T. Brame	1819
5.	John Wynn	1794	24.	George Burnett.....	1819
6.	John Ahair	1795	25.	Archibald Robertson	1820
7.	Stephen Davis.....	1795	26.	Peyton Anderson	1823
8.	Richard Ivey	1796	27.	Enoch Johnson	1823
9.	Wm. Wilkinson.....	1798	28.	James Avis.....	1824
10.	William Early	1799	29.	Samuel Cushen.....	1824
11.	James Tolleson.....	1800	30.	Samuel Hunter	1825
12.	Salathiel Weeks.....	1800	31.	Christopher S. Mooring.....	1825
13.	Wm. Ormond.....	1803	32.	Philip Bruce.....	1826
14.	Nathan Jarrett	1803	33.	Thos. Howard.	1827
15.	Edmond Henley	1809	34.	Samuel Garrard.....	1828
16.	Nathan Weeden.....	1811	35.	Henry Holmes.....	1829
17.	Isaac Brown	1812	36.	Christopher Thomas.....	1829
18.	Leroy Merritt.....	1813	37.	John Pannabaker.....	1829
19.	Ewen Johnson	1816	38.	W. H. Abington	1829

DECEASED MINISTERS—CONTINUED.

No.	Names.	Year of Death.	No.	Names.	Year of Death.
39.	Thomas Mann	1830	91.	William Reid	1859
40.	Wm. S. Peyton.....	1830	92.	Wm. G. Dulin	1860
41.	Melville B. Cox ..	1833	93.	Thos. H. Jones.....	1860
42.	Edward Cannon.....	1833	94.	H. W. Bellman.....	1860
43.	Wm. McClunn.....	1833	95.	J. H. Watson.....	1860
44.	Geo. M. Anderson.....	1833	96.	W. P. Twyman.....	1860
45.	Stephen D. Winburne.....	1833	97.	J. W. Payne	1861
46.	John J. Carter	1833	98.	Wm. H. Ward	1861
47.	Wilson Barclift	1833	99.	R. T. Nixon	1861
48.	Stith Mead	1834	100.	J. S. Rees	1862
49.	Jonathan Williams.....	1834	101.	H. S. Atmore	1862
50.	Rowland G. Bass.....	1838	102.	Samuel Robertson.....	1862
51.	Robert C. Jones.....	1838	103.	Frank Stanley	1862
52.	George Mahood	1839	104.	G. W. Charleton	1863
53.	Simeon Norman	1839	105.	T. Y. Cash	1865
54.	Henning W. Kelley	1839	106.	John Kerr	1865
55.	John Lattimore	1840	107.	G. W. S. Harper	1865
56.	Daniel Hall	1841	108.	W. C. Blount	1866
57.	Caleb Leach	1842	109.	W. L. Dalby	1866
58.	George W. Blain	1843	110.	B. B. Shelton	1866
59.	George W. Kelsoe	1843	111.	A. R. Bernard	1866
60.	Charles P. Norman	1843	112.	Robert Scott	1866
61.	Benjamin B. Miles	1843	113.	J. W. Wonnycott	1866
62.	W. T. Norfolk	1845	114.	A. J. Beckwith	1866
63.	Joshua Leigh	1845	115.	J. D. Coulling	1866
64.	Joseph A. Brown	1846	116.	W. H. Starr	1867
65.	Isaac A. Willis	1846	117.	T. A. Pierce	1867
66.	W. L. Blanton	1846	118.	John H. Payne	1867
67.	G. M. Kessec	1847	119.	James E. Joyner	1868
68.	J. C. Ballew	1848	120.	Geo. M. Robertson	1868
69.	Wm. E. Lee	1848	121.	Aurelius W. Holt	1868
70.	J. L. Knight	1848	122.	J. K. Powers	1869
71.	Abram Penn	1849	123.	Minton Thrift	1869
72.	Joseph Pinnell	1849	124.	Joseph Spriggs	1870
73.	E. C. Murrill	1850	125.	Isaac M. Arnold	1870
74.	J. W. Childs	1850	126.	Wm. I. Hunter	1870
75.	Geo. A. Bain	1850	127.	D. J. C. Slaughter	1870
76.	Wesley H. Rohr	1850	128.	T. C. Jennings	1871
77.	Daniel Wood	1851	129.	Humphrey Billups	1871
78.	James P. Owen	1852	130.	B. H. Johnson	1872
79.	Martin A. Dunn	1852	131.	Alexander Stewart	1872
80.	Thomas Crowder	1852	132.	Wm. M. Jerdone	1872
81.	Geo. W. Andrews	1854	133.	C. H. Hall	1872
82.	Ballard E. Gibson	1855	134.	R. J. Carson	1873
83.	Anthony Dibrell	1855	135.	G. N. Guy	1873
84.	Vernon Eskridge	1855	136.	M. M. Dance	1873
85.	Stephen W. Jones	1855	137.	Jeremiah McMullan	1873
86.	Samuel S. Eskridge	1855	138.	H. B. Cowles	1874
87.	Francis S. Mitchell	1856	139.	L. J. Hansberger	1874
88.	Lewis Skidmore	1857	140.	Joseph Carson	1875
89.	John W. Williams	1857	141.	W. E. Mitchell	1875
90.	T. C. Hayes	1858	142.	G. W. Langhorne	1876

DECEASED MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

No.	Names.	Year of Death.	No.	Names.	Year of Death.
143.	Benj. Devany	1876	160.	Wm. Carter	1885
144.	Alexander Doniphant	1877	161.	G. M. Wright	1885
145.	D. F. Hodges	1877	162.	J. N. Jones	1885
146.	J. A. Duncan	1877	163.	H. H. Gary	1885
147.	Lloyd Moore	1877	164.	J. C. Garlick	1886
148.	J. W. White	1879	165.	F. A. Davis	1886
149.	J. H. Davis	1879	166.	E. H. Pritchett	1886
150.	John Bayley	1880	167.	B. M. Williams	1886
151.	James Jamieson	1880	168.	J. D. Lumsden	1887
152.	Wm. J. Norfleet	1881	169.	T. H. White	1887
153.	B. T. Ames	1881	170.	J. W. Howard	1887
154.	L. M. Lee	1882	171.	R. A. Gregory	1887
155.	Thos. Diggs	1882	172.	W. W. Bennett	1887
156.	J. L. Fisher	1882	173.	J. D. Blackwell	1887
157.	Robert Michaels	1883	174.	T. A. Ware	1887
158.	B. C. Spiller	1883	175.	E. N. S. Blogg	1887
159.	G. W. Nolley	1883	176.	P. F. August	1887

[“*These all died in the faith.*”—*Hebrews X: 13.*]

IX.

REPRESENTATIVES
 —OF THE—
 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 —IN THE—
 Several Delegated General Conferences,
 FROM 1812 TO 1886.

I—AT NEW YORK CITY, MAY, 1812.

(Ratio of representation, one in five.)

Jessee Lee, Philip Bruce, John Burton, Thomas L. Douglass, John Ballew, Jas. M. Boyd, Richard Lattimore, Charles Callaway, Carnellum H. Hines, Wm. Jean, John Early.

II—AT BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 1-24, 1816.

Philip Bruce, William Jean, Thomas Burge, Edward Cannon, Carnellum H. Hines, John C. Ballew, Ethelbert Drake, Thomas Moore, Minton Thrift, Matthew M. Dance.

III—AT BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 1-27, 1820.

(Ratio of representation, one in seven.)

Daniel Hall, John F. Weaver, Wm. Compton, Peyton Anderson, James Patterson, Edward Cannon, Ethelbert Drake, Matthew M. Dance.

IV—AT BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 1-29, 1824.

Caleb Leach, Lewis Skidmore, Hezekiah G. Leigh, Benjamin Devany, Henry Holmes, Ethelbert Drake, John Lattimore, William Compton, John C. Ballew.

V—AT PITTSBURG, PA., MAY 1-24, 1828.

Daniel Hall, Hezekiah G. Leigh, Lewis Skidmore, Caleb Leach, Joseph Carson, Moses Brock, Peter Daub, Henry Holmes, Thomas Crowder, John Early.

VI—AT PHILADELPHIA, MAY 1-28, 1832.

John Early, Lewis Skidmore, Hezekiah G. Leigh, William Hammett, Benjamin Devany, William S. Smith, Bennett T. Blake, Caleb Leach, Moses Brock, Thomas Crowder, James Boyd, James Read, Peter Daub.

VII—AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 1-27, 1836.

Moses Brock, Thomas Crowder, Hezekiah G. Leigh, Lewis Skidmore, James McAden, Abram Penn, John Early, William A. Smith.

VIII—AT BALTIMORE, MD., MAY 1 TO JUNE 3, 1840.

(Ratio of representation, one in twenty-one.)

Thomas Crowder, John Early, William A. Smith.

IX—AT NEW YORK CITY, MAY 1 TO JUNE 10, 1844.

(Plan of separation adopted.)

John Early, Thomas Crowder, William A. Smith, Leroy M. Lee.

[Under the Plan of Separation adopted by the General Conference of 1844, the Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized at Louisville, Kentucky, May, 1845.]

X—AT PETERSBURG, VA., MAY 1-23, 1846.

(First General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Ratio of representation, one in fourteen.)

William A. Smith, John Early, Thomas Crowder, Abram Penn, Leroy M. Lee, Henry B. Cowles, Anthony Dibrell.

XI—AT ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 1-14, 1850.

John Early, William A. Smith, Thomas Crowder, L. M. Lee, D. S. Doggett, Anthony Dibrell, J. H. Davis, Leo. Rosser.

XII—AT COLUMBUS, GA., MAY 1-31, 1854.

John Early, D. S. Doggett, Anthony Dibrell, H. B. Cowles, W. A. Smith, W. B. Rowzie, G. W. Langhorne, Leo. Rosser, L. M. Lee.

XIII—AT NASHVILLE, TENN., MAY 1-31, 1858.

(Ratio of representation, one in seventeen.)

D. S. Doggett, W. A. Smith, L. M. Lee, Leo. Rosser, J. E. Edwards, W. B. Rowzie, G. W. Carter, G. W. Langhorne, W. W. Bennett, Robert Michaels, J. H. Davis.

[The General Conference appointed to be held at New Orleans, La., April, 1862, did not meet, owing to the disturbed condition of the country caused by the late war between the States.]

XIV—AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., APRIL 4 TO MAY 5, 1866.

(A Plan of Lay Representation adopted. Ratio of representation, one in twenty-eight.)

Leroy M. Lee, D. S. Doggett, W. A. Smith, James A. Duncan, Nelson Head, W. W. Bennett, J. E. Edwards, J. C. Granbery, P. A. Peterson, Leo. Rosser, Paul Whitehead.

XV—AT MEMPHIS, TENN., MAY 4-26, 1870.

(Lay delegates introduced.)

Leroy M. Lee, J. C. Granbery, W. W. Bennett, Paul Whitehead, J. E. Edwards, P. A. Peterson, A. G. Brown.

Lay—D'Arcy Paul, Thomas Whitehead, W. M. Gill, J. C. Deming, Asa Snyder, T. W. Garrett, L. D. Travers.

XVI—AT LOUISVILLE, KY., MAY 1-26, 1874.

J. S. Duncan, L. M. Lee, W. W. Bennett, P. A. Peterson, J. E. Edwards, L. S. Reed, J. C. Granbery.

Lay—D'Arcy Paul, F. H. Smith, Richard Pollard, J. E. Broadwater, G. M. Bain, Jr., T. W. Grant, William Grant. (Thomas Branch substituted F. M. Smith part of the session.

XVII—AT ATLANTA, GA., MAY 1-28, 1878.

(Ratio of representation, one in thirty-six.)

W. W. Bennett, L. M. Lee, P. A. Peterson, J. E. Edwards, J. D. Blackwell, R. N. Sledd, L. S. Reed, Paul Whitehead.

Lay—G. M. Bain, Jr., Thomas Branch, J. B. Pace, T. W. Mason, Richard Pollard.

XVIII—AT NASHVILLE, TENN., MAY 1-25, 1882.

W. W. Bennett, R. N. Sledd, J. E. Edwards, J. C. Granbery, J. D. Blackwell, P. A. Peterson, E. P. Wilson (alternate in place of J. C. Granbery, elected Bishop).

Lay—W. W. Walker, George M. Bain, Jr., Richard Pollard, Richard Irby, L. L. Marks, T. B. Hamlin.

XIX—AT RICHMOND, VA., MAY 1, 1886.

John E. Edwards, R. N. Sledd, W. W. Bennett, J. D. Blackwell, Paul Whitehead, P. A. Peterson, J. J. Lafferty, L. S. Reed (alternate part of the session in place of W. W. Bennett).

Lay—W. W. Walker, Richard Irby, L. L. Marks, R. W. Peatross, W. T. Chandler, T. W. Mason, W. W. Berry, W. M. Jones (alternate part of the session in place of T. W. Mason).

X.

SESSIONS

—OF THE—

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

WHEN, WHERE AND BY WHOM HELD.

Six Conferences were held in Virginia before the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States was organized, and five of them were held within the territory of the Virginia Annual Conference. But they were not, *strictly speaking*, Virginia Annual Conferences. Hence these Conferences do not appear among the sessions enumerated below. The *Annual Conferences proper* number their sessions respectively from their first meetings after the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church as an independent ecclesiastical body, December, 1784. In conformity with this rule the sessions of the Virginia Annual Conference are numbered from the meeting held at Mason's, Brunswick Co., Va., May, 1785. Since then sessions thereof have been held in regular succession, year after year, within the geographical limits assigned it by the General Conference of 1796, except as to the years 1791 and 1841, when changes in the time of the year for the meeting of the Conference made it necessary to hold two sessions in each of these calendar years, inaking one hundred and five sessions in one hundred and three years.

No	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Mason's Brunswick Co., Va.....	May, 1785	Bishop Asbury	Unknown.
2	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1786	"	"
3	Rough Creek, Charlotte Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1787	"	"
4	Petersburg, Va.....	June, 1788	"	"
5	Petersburg, Va.....	June, 1789	"	"
6	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co., Va.....	June, 1790	"	"
7	Petersburg, Va.....	Ap'l, 1791	"	"
8	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co., Va.....	Dec., 1791	"	"
9	Manchester, Va.	Nov., 1792	"	"
10	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1793	"	"
11	Mabery's, Greensville Co., Va.....	Nov., 1794	"	"
12	Salem, Mecklenburg Co., Va.....	Nov., 1795	"	"
13	Mabery's, Greensville Co., Va.....	Nov., 1796	"	"

No	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECERTARY.
14	Lane's Chapel, Sussex Co., Va.....	Nov., 1797	Bishop Asbury.	Unknown.
15	Salem, Mecklenburg Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1798	"	"
16	Jones' Chapel, Sussex Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1799	"	"
17	Blount's Chapel, Isle of Wight Co., Va.	Ap'l, 1800	"	"
18	Dromgoole's, Brunswick Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1801	"	"
19	Salem, Mecklenburg Co., Va.....	Mar., 1802	"	"
20	Olive Branch, Brunswick Co., Va.....	Mar., 1803	"	Alex. McCaine.
21	Salem, Mecklenburg Co., Va.....	Ap'l, 1804	"	"
22	Taylor's, Caswell Co., N. C.....	Mar., 1805	"	"
23	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb., 1806	"	T. L. Douglass.
24	Newbern, N. C.....	Feb., 1807	"	"
25	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb., 1808	"	"
26	Tarboro", N. C.....	Feb., 1809	"	"
27	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb., 1810	Bishop McKendree	"
28	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb., 1811	"	"
29	Richmond City, Va.....	Feb., 1812	"	"
30	Newbern, N. C.....	Feb., 1813	"	"
31	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb., 1814	"	"
32	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb., 1815	"	John Early.
33	Raleigh, N. C.....	Jan., 1816	"	M. M. Dance.
34	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb., 1817	"	"
35	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb., 1818	Bishop Roberts.	"
36	Oxford, N. C.....	Feb., 1819	"	"
37	Richmond City, Va.....	Feb., 1820	Bishop George.	"
38	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb., 1821	"	"
39	Newbern, N. C.....	Mar., 1822	"	John Early.
40	Lynchburg, Va.....	Mar., 1823	"	"
41	Petersburg, Va.....	Mar., 1824	"	"
42	Oxford, N. C.....	Feb., 1825	Bishop Soule.	"
43	Portsmouth, Va.....	Feb., 1826	"	"
44	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb., 1827	Bishop Roberts.	"
45	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb., 1828	Bishop Soule.	"
46	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb., 1829	Bishop Roberts.	"
47	Richmond City, Va.....	Feb., 1830	Bishop Soule.	"
48	Newbern, N. C.....	Feb., 1831	Rev. John Early.	Wm. A. Smith.
49	Norfolk City, Va.....	Feb., 1832	Bishop Hedding.	John Early.
50	Petersburg, Va.....	Feb., 1833	"	"
51	Raleigh, N. C.....	Feb., 1834	Bishop Andrew.	"
52	Lynchburg, Va.....	Feb., 1835	Bishop Emory.	"
53	Norfolk City, Va.....	*Jan., 1836	Bishop Hedding.	"
54	Petersburg, Va.....	Jan., 1837	Bishop Waugh.	"
55	Richmond City, Va.....	Jan., 1838	Bishop Morris	"
56	Edenton, N. C.....	Jan., 1839	Bishop Andrew.	"
57	Farmville, Va.....	Jan., 1840	Bishop Waugh.	"
58	Lynchburg, Va.....	Jan., 1841	Bishop Morris.	"
58	Portsmouth, Va.....	Nov., 1841	Rev. John Early.	Jas. A. Riddick.
60	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov., 1842	Bishop Waugh.	John Early.
61	Richmond City, Va.....	Nov., 1843	Bishop Morris.	"
62	Lynchburg, Va.....	Nov., 1844	Bishop Soule.	"
63	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov., 1845	Bishop Andrew.	Wm. A. Smith.
64	Randolph-Macon College, Va.....	Nov., 1846	Bishop Capers.	John Early.
65	Charlottesville, Va.....	Nov., 1847	Bishop Andrew.	"
66	Elizabeth City, N. C.....	Nov., 1848	Bishop Capers.	"
67	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov., 1849	Bishop Andrew.	"
68	Richmond City, Va.....	Nov., 1850	Bishop Payne.	J. D. Coulling.
69	Alexandria, Va.....	Nov., 1851	Bishop Andrew.	"
70	Fredericksburg, Va.....	Oct., 1852	Bishop Capers.	"
71	Lynchburg, Va.....	Oct., 1853	Bishop Payne.	"
72	Norfolk City, Va.....	Nov., 1854	Bishop Pierce.	"
73	Petersburg, Va.....	Nov., 1855	Bishop Andrew	"

* This year the North Carolina Conference was formed.

No	PLACE.	DATE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
74	Richmond City, Va.	Nov., 1856	Bishop Early.	J. D. Coulling.
75	Elizabeth City, N. C.	Nov., 1857	Bishop Pierce.	"
76	Portsmouth, Va.	Nov., 1858	Bishop Kavanaugh	"
77	Lynchburg, Va.	Nov., 1859	Bishop Early.	"
78	Alexandria, Va.	Nov., 1860	Bishop Payne.	Paul Whitehead.
79	Norfolk City, Va.	Nov., 1861	Bishop Andrew.	"
80	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1862	Bishop Early.	"
81	Richmond City, Va.	Nov., 1863	Bishop Pierce.	"
82	Lynchburg, Va.	Nov., 1864	Rev. Wm. A. Smith.	"
83	Danville, Va.	Nov., 1865	Bishop Early.	"
84	Norfolk City, Va.	Nov., 1866	Bishop Pierce.	"
85	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1867	Bishop Doggett.	"
86	Charlottesville, Va.	Nov., 1868	Bishop Wightman.	"
87	Richmond, Va.	Nov., 1869	Bishop Doggett.	"
88	Lynchburg, Va.	Nov., 1870	Bishop Pierce.	"
89	Portsmouth, Va.	Nov., 1871	Bishop Payne.	"
90	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1872	"	"
91	Norfolk City, Va.	Nov., 1873	Bishop Keener.	"
92	Elizabeth City, N. C.	Nov., 1874	Bishop Marvin.	"
93	Danville, Va.	Nov., 1875	Bishop McTyeire.	"
94	Richmond City, Va.	Nov., 1876	Bishop Kavanaugh	"
95	Lynchburg, Va.	Nov., 1877	Bishop Doggett.	"
96	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1878	Bishop Pierce.	"
97	Norfolk City, Va.	Nov., 1879	Bishop Wightman.	"
98	Danville, Va.	Nov., 1880	Bishop Keener.	"
99	Charlottesville, Va.	Nov., 1881	Bishop McTyeire.	"
100	Portsmouth, Va.	Nov., 1882	Bishop Pierce.	"
101	Richmond City, Va.	Nov., 1883	Bishop Kavanaugh	"
102	Lynchburg, Va.	Nov., 1884	Bishop Keener.	"
103	Petersburg, Va.	Nov., 1885	"	"
104	Norfolk City, Va.	Nov., 1886	Bishop Granbery.	"
105	Danville, Va.	Nov., 1887	Bishop Key.	"

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XI.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELLING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the travelling connection.

The letters denote: *E*—Elder; *D*—Deacon; *P*—Probationer; *Sy*—Supernumerary; *Sd*—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, William E	1859	E	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
2. Amiss, Joseph H	1854	E	Salisbury, Maryland.
3. Anderson, James M.....	1857	E	Hertford, North Carolina.
4. Armistead, Robert A....	1868	E	Norfolk, Va.
5. Askew, Jacob B.	1879	E	Burkeville, Nottoway co., Va.
6. Atwill, William H.....	1874	E	Richmond, Va.
7. Babcock, Jas. O....	1887	P	Irwin's Depot, Va.
8. Bacon, Herbert T.....	1865	E Sd	Clarkesville, Va.
9. Bain, William F.	1851	E	Louisa, C. H., Va.
10. Bane, Charles L.	1887	P	Ashland, Va.
11. Bargamin, Vincent W...	1884	D	Melton, Dorchester co., Md.
12. Barrett, Robert E	1881	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
13. Bates, Walter G.....	1880	E	Burgers Store, Pittsylvania co., Va.
14. Bayton, Thomas J.	1846	E	Cambridge, Md.
15. Beadles, Robert B.....	1855	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
16. Beckham, Thomas M...	1862	E	Concord, Campbell co., Va.
17. Berryman, Albert C....	1876	E	Batesville, Va.
18. Betty, Lewis B	1875	E	Ashland, Va.
19. Blankenship, R. B.....	1877	E	White Plains, Brunswick co., Va.
20. Bledsoe, Adam C	1861	E	North Danville, Va.
21. Bledsoe, J. Wiley.....	1869	E	Charlottesville, Va.
22. Blincoe, James W.....	1857	E	Chester, Chesterfield co., Va.
23. Boggs, Francis J.	1846	E	Suffolk, Va.
24. Boggs, Charles H	1851	E	Stanardsville, Green co., Va.
25. Boggs, Thomas H.....	1855	E	Breckland, Lunenburg co., Va.
26. Boggs, Wm. G.....	1885	D	Rexburg, Essex co., Va.
27. Booker, George E... ..	1859	E	Franklin, Southampton co., Va.
28. Bosman, John T.....	1884	D	Newport News, Va.
29. Bowles, Henry C.....	1860	E Sy	Mayo's Forge, Patrick co., Va.
30. Bradley, Paul.....	1875	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
31. Brannin, James F.	1845	E	Kelley's Ford, Culpeper co., Va.
32. Brown, Alexander G...	1853	E	59 Charlotte St., Norfolk, Va.
33. Browne, Henry J	1884	D	Ward's Spring, Pittsylvania co., Va.
34. Bullard, Wm. E.....	1886	P	Cherrystone, Northampton co., Va.
35. Burton, John M.....	1876	E	Marengo, Mecklenburg co., Va.
36. Butts, Daniel G. C....	1870	E	Portsmouth, Va., 318 Third St.
37. Cain, Charles W.	1880	E	Glendale, Henrico co., Va.
38. Campbell, Thomas H...	1872	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
39. Campbell, John M.	1880	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
40. Camper, William H.....	1859	E Sy	Orange C. H., Va.
41. Carroll, John W.	1880	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin Co., Va.
42. Chandler Richard M....	1876	E	Ettrick, Chesterfield co., Va.

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43. Cheathain, Henry C...	1857	E	Lynchburg, Va.
44. Christian, William H...	1852	E	Norfolk, Va.
45. Clarke, Joseph S. R....	1839	E Sd	Meherrin, Prince Edward co., Va.
46. Clarke, John L.....	1848	E	Culpeper C. H., Va.
47. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Atlees, Hanover co., Va.
48. Comer, Charles F.	1882	E	Hicks' Wharf, Mathews co., Va.
49. Compton, James W....	1860	E Sy	Eminaus, Bedford co., Va.
50. Compton, Robert A....	1842	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
51. Connelly, James W....	1860	E Sy	Petersburg, Va.
52. Crawley, Charles D....	1874	E	Belle Haven, Accomac co., Va.
53. Crider, John W.....	1854	E	Scottsville, Albemarle co., Va.
54. Crocker, William A....	1843	E Sd	Yorktown, Va.
55. Crooks, Robert N	1855	E Sd	Brosville, Pittsylvania co., Va.
56. Crowder, William R...	1883	E	Lancaster Courthouse, Va.
57. Crown, James H.....	1856	E	Saluda, Middlesex co., Va.
58. Dalby, James H	1874	E	Martinsville, Henry Co., Va.
59. Davis, Wilbur F	1885	E	Edgehill, King George co., Va.
60. DeBerry, Junius B....	1876	E	Blackstone, Nottoway co., Va.
61. Deshazo, John E.....	1875	E	Gordonsville, Va.
62. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Petersburg, Va.
63. Dey, Bascom..	1885	D	Wadesboro, Franklin co., Va.
64. Duke, Thomas P.....	1877	E	Boydtown, Mecklenburg co., Va.
65. Duncan, James A.....	1884	D	Lynchburg, Va.
66. Early, Thomas H.....	1857	E Sy	Danville, Va.
67. Edwards, John E	1835	E	Berkeley, Norfolk co., Va.
68. Edwards, Joseph J....	1850	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
69. Edwards, William E..	1862	E	Portsmouth, Va.
70. Edwards, Francis M...	1863	E	Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va.
71. Edwards, Wm. Henry.	1876	E	Garysburg, Northampton co., N. C.
72. Edwards, T. O	1878	E	Richmond, Va.
73. Evans, Wm. E....	1876	E	Coimann's Well, Sussex co., Va.
74. Ferguson, Richard.....	1869	E	Stuart, Patrick co., Va.
75. Forkner, James D.....	1885	D	Bedford Springs, Campbell co., Va.
76. Foushee, Nathan B....	1876	E	Richmond, Va.
77. Garland, J. Powell.....	1858	E	Evington, Campbell co., Va.
78. Gates, James E.....	1871	E	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie co., Va.
79. Gayle, Randolph F...	1879	E	Smithville, Charlotte co., Va.
80. Gibbs, Esmond A.....	1846	E	Manchester, Va.
81. Grant, William E	1880	E	Manquin, King William co., Va.
82. Green, Charles H.....	1873	E	South Boston, Halifax co., Va.
83. Green, William T.	1878	E	Moorman's River, Albemarle co., Va.
84. Gregory, Werter H....	1871	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock co., Va.
85. Griffith, J. R.	1887	E	Petersburg, Va.
86. Hall, Alexander M....	1852	E Sd	Norfolk, Va., No. 188, Park Avenue.
87. Hank, Josiah D.....	1857	E	Turbeville, Halifax co., Va.
88. Harrell, Emmet E....	1883	E	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
89. Hayes, William F.....	1882	E	Margaretsville, N. C.
90. Herrink, Benjamin S.	1874	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
91. Hildrup, John W.	1866	E	Eastville, Northampton co., Va.
92. Hobday, Charles E... .	1867	E	Charlottesville, Va.
93. Hope, Herbert M.....	1873	E	
94. Hubbard, Walter J....	1886	P	Norfolk, Va.
95. Hunter, Joshua S.	1870	E	Barhamsville, New Kent co., Va.
96. Johnson, S. Harvey....		E	Allen, Wicomico co., Md.
97. Jones, Albert A	1887	E P	Chase City, Mecklenburg co., Va.
98. Jordan, William P....	1869	E	Whaleyeville, Va.
99. Jordan, Edward M. ..	1869	E	Ford's, Dinwiddie co., Va.
100. Jordan, Arthur C.	1880	E	
101. Judkins, William E...	1853	E	Richmond, Va.

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102. Kabler, John H.	1873	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond co., Va.
103. Lafferty, John J.	1857	E Sy	Richmond, Va.
104. Lambeth, Samuel S.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
105. Laughon, Wm. A.	1867	E	Lynchburg, Va.
106. Laurens, John B.	1853	E Sd	Ashland, Va.
107. Lear, Joseph.	1834	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
108. Lear, William W.	1875	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick co., Va.
109. Leftwich, Clarke W.	1887	E	Red House, Charlotte co., Va.
110. Lennon, Joseph G.	1886	E P	Elizabeth City, N. C.
111. Lipscomb, B. F.	1876	E	Berkeley, Norfolk co., Va.
112. Littleton, Oscar.	1850	E	Farmville, Va.
113. Manning, Jacob.	1839	E	James River, Amherst co., Va.
114. Martin, James C.	1859	E	Richmond, Va.
115. Martin, Oscar L.	1885	D	Coleman's Falls, Bedford co., Va.
116. Mastin, Joseph T.	1876	E	Lilian, Northumberland co., Va.
117. Maxey, Robert M.	1886	P	Matoaca, Chesterfield co., Va.
118. McAden, James A.	1814	E	Sd South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va.
119. McCleland, John.	1845	E	Sd Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
120. McFaden, Geo. H.	1886	E	Sd Meherrin, Prince Edward co., Va.
121. McGhee, Charles H.	1884	P	Spotsylvania Courthouse.
122. McGee, William.	1843	D	Norfolk, Va.
123. McSparran, James E.	1857	E	Princess Anne C. H., Va.
124. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Norfolk, Va.
125. Mitchell, Hezekiah P.	1854	E	Liberty, Va.
126. Moore, John T.	1873	E	Amherst, C H., Va.
127. Moorman, Samuel T.	1828	E	Sd Lawyer's, Campbell co., Va.
128. Moorman, Richard J.	1872	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
129. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Matthews, C. H., Va.
130. Moss, John O.	1877	E	Seaboard, Northampton co., N. C.
131. Mower, W. Dickson.	1887	E	Goochland Courthouse, Va.
132. Mullen, R. H.	1886	E P	Manteo, Dare co., N. C.
133. Nicholson, John W.	1886	P	Cartersville, Cumberland co., Va.
134. Parham, Edgar P.	1882	E	Montross, Westmoreland co., Va.
135. Patteson, John H.	1873	E Sd	North Danville, Va.
136. Payne, William E.	1869	E	Rustburg, Campbell co., Va.
137. Payne, Richard O.	1878	E	Lovingston, Nelson co., Va.
138. Payne, John T.	1884	D	Edge Hill, King George co., Va.
139. Peterson, P. A.	1852	E	615 Court St., Lynchburg, Va.
140. Peterson, E. M.	1852	E	Manchester, Va.
141. Potts, Joseph E.	1853	E	Prospect, Prince Edward co., Va.
142. Potts, Reginald, H.	1882	E	Smithville, Charlotte co., Va.
143. Potts, Edgar A.	1887	P	Lynchburg, Va.
144. Pribble, John L.	1884	D	Martinsville, Henry co., Va.
145. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	P	Hickory, Norfolk co., Va.
146. Proctor, Jacob H.	1857	E Sd	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie co., Va.
147. Pruden, Nathaniel J.	1876	E	Edmund's Store, Brunswick co., Va.
148. Pullen, Thomas G.	1884	D	Oak Hall, Accomac co., Va.
149. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Ashland, Va.
150. Reed, Lemuel S.	1849	E	Petersburg, Va.
151. Reed, James C.	1868	E	Portsmouth, Va.
152. Rhodes, John Q.	1869	E	Madison C. H., Va.
153. Riddick, James A.	1833	E Sd	Petersburg, Va.
154. Riddick, Joseph H.	1854	E	Pungoteague, Va.
155. Riddick, Wm. H.	1877	E	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
156. Riddick, J. E. R.	1882	E	Petersburg, Va.
157. Robertson, N. H.	1885	D	Malmaison, Pittsylvania co., Va.
158. Robins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Oldham's, Westmoreland co., Va.
159. Robins, J. W. S.	1877	E	South Mills, Camden co., N. C.
160. Robinson, Wm. A.	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Va.

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161. Rosser, Leonidas.....	1838	E Sy	Belle Haven, Va.
162. Rosser, John C.....	1876	E	Lewiston, Lunenburg co., Va.
163. Routten, Joseph T.....	1880	E	Currituck C. H., N. C.
164. Rowe, John G.....	1849	E Sd	Bowling Green, Va.
165. Rowe, Edgar H.....	1884	D Sy	Murfreesboro, N. C.
166. Rowzie, William B.....	1829	E Sd	Keysville, Charlotte, co., Va.
167. Royall, William W.....	1875	E	Cambridge, Md.
168. Rucker, McDaniel.....	1884	D	Unionville, Va.
169. Saunders, John M.....	1842	E Sd	Columbia, Missouri.
170. Saunders Robert M ...	1849	E	Norfolk, Va.
171. Sawyer, Walter W.....	1880	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
172. Scott, Richard B	1877	E	Windsor, Bertie co., N. C.
173. Shough, Jacob.....	1839	E Sd	Patrick C. H., Va.
174. Simpson, Thos. McN...	1877	E	Lynchburg, Va.
175. Sledd, Robert N	1857	E	Petersburg, Va.
176. Smith, Benj. F	1887	D P	Allwood, Amherst co., Va.
177. Smithey, Wm. R.....	1873	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland co., Va.
178. Southall, John D.....	1842	E	Harris' Creek P. O., Amherst co., Va.
179. Southall, W. W.....	1887		Hardwicksville, Buckingham co., Va.
180. Spencer, James L.....	1850	E	Norfolk, Va.
181. Starr, Wm. G.....	1860	E	Danville, Va.
182. Stevens, Earnest.....	1885	D	Edenton, N. C.
183. Stiff, James W.....	1878	E	Meridian, Dinwiddie co., Va.
184. Sturgis, Joseph R.....	1878	E	Richmond, Va.
185. Taylor, Travis J	1867	E	Smithfield, Va.
186. Taylor, Charles R.....	1878	E	Grafton, York co., Va.
187. Tillery, John R.....	1887	P	Providence Forge, New Kent co., Va.
188. Tillett, Wilbur F.....	1880	E	Nashville, Tenn., (Vanderbilt Univ.)
189. Tompkins, Wm. A.....	1880	E	Litwalton, Lancaster co., Va.
190. Traynham, David J....	1878	E	Stuart, Patrick co., Va.
191. Tucker, John W.....	1861	E	Meadville, Halifax co., Va.
192. Tudor, W. V.....	1855	E	Norfolk, Va.
193. Turner, Chas. W.....	1887	D P	Accomac Courthouse, Va.
194. Twilly, Wm. J.....	1874	E	Petersburg, Va.
195. Twitty, James F	1871	E	Farmville, Va.
196. Vaden, Wesley C.....	1861	E	Petersburg, Va.
197. Vanderslice, Geo. C....	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
198. Waggener, James R....	1849	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
199. Waggener, Willie O....	1876	E	Belleville, Nansemond co., Va.
200. Wallace, David M	1853	E	Boykins, Southampton co., Va.
201. Wallace, John S.....	1879	E	Amelia C. H., Va.
202. Watson, J. Carson.....	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
203. Watts, Robert W.....	1857	E	Danville, Va.
204. Watts, Charles E.....	1866	E	Bel Roi, Gloucester co., Va.
205. Wertenbaker, C. C.....	1868	E	Amherst C. H., Va.
206. Whitehead, Paul.....	1853	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
207. Whitley, Jesse T.....	1869	E	Edgehill, King George co., Va.
208. Wiles, Alfred.....	1844	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
209. Wiley, George H.....	1886	P	Disputanta, Prince George co., Va.
210. Williams, Wm. G.....	1850	E	Gatesville, N. C.
211. Williams, Thomas L...	1853	E	West Point, Va.
212. Williams, Wm. T.....	1880	E	Berlin, Md.
213. Williams, Milton L ...	1887	E	Hampton, Va.
214. Wilson, Edward P	1842	E	Petersburg, Va.
215. Wilson, Richard T.....	1887	P	Churchland, Norfolk co., Va.
216. Wills, Davis P.....	1846	E	No. 509, 29 St., Richmond Va.
217. Wise, Thomas P.....	1863	E	Spartansburg C. H., S. C.
218. Woodward, Benj. F....	1844	E Sd	Hicksford, Greenville co., Va.
219. Woodward, John P....	1853	E	

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220. Wray, George W.....	1877	E	Salisbury, Md.
221. Wray, Thomas J.....	1884	D	Hampton, Va.
222. Wright, William P.....	1867	E	Norfolk, Va.
223. Younger, Robert H.....	1876	E	Union Level, Mecklenburg co., Va.

II.—LOCAL PREACHERS HAVING PASTORAL CHARGES.

NAMES.	CHARGES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
Bray, John E.....	Piedm't Miss'n...	
Burton, T.....	Newsom's.....	Newsom's Depot, Va.
Crowder, Joseph A	Milton Mission...	Shadwell, Albemarle co., Va.
Crowder, James A	Hooper's Island.	Hoopersville, Md.
Grant, William.....	Harrellsville Cir.	
Jefferson, John A.....	Denny St. Rich'd	Richmond, 311 Nicholson St.
Parham, C. W. S.....	W't Chesterfield,	
Parish, John W.....	West Bedford.....	Chamblissburg, Va.
Payne, Sanders.....	Kitty Hawk Mis.	
Sherrill, Charles F.....	West Hanover...	Ashland, Va.
Thrift, S. L.....	E. K. & Queen...	Little Plymouth, K. & Q. co.,
Warwick, B. P.....	West New Kent,	Petersburg, Va.
Williams, N. F.....	Appomattox.....	

III.—LAY DELEGATES, 1887,
AND MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during session.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS,
Berry, W. W.	Lynchburg.....	Liberty, Va.
Bradbury, John W.	Petersburg	Petersburg, Va.
Bridgforth, R. E.*....	Farmville	Beaver Pond, Amelia co., Va.
Brown, Edwin B. (Jt. Bd.)....	Charlottesville....	Free Union, Alb. co., Va.
Chandler, W. T.	Randolph Macon	Bowling Green, Va.
Cockerell, Littleton....	Randolph Macon	Lilian, Norththum'land co., Va.
Cogbill, M. A.	Petersburg	Chesterfield C. H., Va.
Collins, J. F.	Charlottesville...	
Crowder, P. B. (Bd. Miss.)....	Farmville.	Amelia C. H., Va.
Crute, J. Wyatt....	Farmville.....	
Davis, Thomas J. (Jt, Bd. F.)	Farmville.....	Farmville, Va.
Davis, John W. C.	Randolph Macon	Hague Westmoreland co., Va.
Dickinson, D. C.	Danville	Penhook, Franklin co., Va
Fergusson, W. T.*....	Petersburg	Fergusson's W'f., Isle of Wight.
Folk, W. D.	Norfolk.....	
Flood, Joel W.	Lynchburg.....	Appomattox C. H , Va.
Glenn, George W.*....	Eastern Shore....	
Grant, Rev. Wm.	Murfreesboro.....	Jackson, N. C.
Guerrant, H. D. (Bd. Miss.)...	Danville	Danville, Va.
Hardy, L A	Farmville	Lunenburg C. H., Va.
Hathaway, J. R. B.*....	Murfreesboro.....	Edenton, N C.
Hunt, Gilbert J.	Richmond	Richmond, Va.
Irby, Richard (Bd. Miss.)	Richmond	Ashland, Va.
Keeling, M. C.*....	Norfolk.....	Berkeley, Norfolk co., Va.
Kellam, J. R.	Eastern Shore....	
Kelley, A. G.*....	Eastern Shore....	Onancock, Va.
Kilby, W. J. (Jt. Bd.)....	Murfreesboro.....	Suffolk, Va.
Lamb, John	Richmond	Wilcox W'f, Chas. City co., Va.
Marks, L. L. (Jt. Bd.)...	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
McDonald, J. T.	Randolph Macon	Indian Neck, Essex co., Va.
Moorman, E. S. (Jt. Bd.)....	Lynchburg.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Neville, George L. (Bd. Miss.)	Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.
Pace, John R. (Jt. Bd.)	Danville.....	Danville, Va
Parham, E. E.	Murfreesboro.	Farmville, Va.
Paulett, R. S.	Farmville.....	Farmville. Va.
Peatross, R. W	Danville.....	Danville. Va.
Peebles, W. L.	Petersburg.....	Petersburg. Va.
Perdue, J. R	Richmond	Manchester, Va.
Pollard, Richard	Lynchburg.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Sanderlin, Thomas	Norfolk.....	
Smith, Francis H.	Charlottesville...	University of Virginia.
Smith, L. L.*....	Murfreesboro....	Gatesvilie, N. C.
Smith, James (M. D.)...	Danville..	Martiusville, Va
Travers, L. D.	Eastern Shore....	Taylor's Island, Md.
Travor, James*....	Danville.....	
Turner, S. D.....	Richmond	Elko, Henrico co., Va.
Vicar, W. W. (alt.)....	Norfolk.....	Norfolk, Va.
West, F. T., Jr	Charlottesville...	Trevillian's. Louisa co., Va.
White, E. V.	Norfolk.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Wilson, Richard T. (alt.)....	Petersburg.....	Petersburg, Va.
Winfrey, C. V. (Jt. Bd.)	Lynchburg.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Yeates, C. H.*....	Charlottesville...	

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